

Identifying Clauses and Phrases (Part One)

For each question, identify whether it is an independent clause (IC), dependent clause (DC), or phrase (P). For the purposes of the SAT and ACT, a clause has a subject and a verb working together, and a phrase is anything that is not a clause. Independent clauses can be full sentences on their own, while dependent clauses cannot.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Dursley of number four Privet Drive were proud to say that they were perfectly normal
2. They were the last people you'd expect to be involved in anything strange or mysterious
3. Because they just didn't hold with such nonsense
4. Mr. Dursley was the director of a firm called *Grunnings*
5. Which made drills
6. He was a big, beefy man with hardly any neck
7. Although he did have a very large mustache
8. Mrs. Dursley was thin and blond and had nearly twice the usual amount of neck
9. Which came in useful

10. As she spent so much of her time craning over garden fences
11. Spying on the neighbors
12. The Dursleys' greatest fear was that someone would discover their secret
13. Which was that Mrs. Dursley had a sister
14. Mrs. Dursley pretended she didn't have a sister
15. Because her sister and her good-for-nothing husband were as unDursleyish as it was possible to be
16. The Dursleys knew that the Potters had a small boy
17. Who they didn't want mixing with their son
18. Because they thought he was weird