

English 1501

Grammar Terminology Cheat Sheet

Adjective

An Adjective modifies a noun.

The princess did not care for her new car.

Adverbs

An Adverb modifies the meaning of a verb.

She did her work carefully.

Clauses

A Clause is a part of a sentence that usually contains a subject and verb. It is usually connected to the other part of the sentence by a conjunction, but is not a complete sentence on its own.

Independent Clauses

An independent clause is a group of words containing a subject and verb that express a complete thought. An independent clause is a complete sentence.

Jim ducked into Starbucks before class.

Dependent Clauses

A dependent clause contains a subject and verb but does not express a complete thought.

When Jim ducked into Starbucks before class, he bought a low-fat espresso laté with whipped cream and cinnamon sprinkles.

Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word like AND, BUT, WHEN, OR, etc., which connects words, phrases or clauses.

My cat is cold and hungry.