

THE ADVERB CLAUSE

Recognize an adverb clause when you see one.

An adverb clause will meet three requirements:

- First, it will contain a **subject** and **verb**.
- You will also find a **subordinate conjunction** that keeps the clause from expressing a complete thought.
- Finally, you will notice that the clause answers one of these four **adverb** questions: *How? When? Where?* or *Why?*

Read these examples:

Tommy scrubbed the bathroom tile until his arms ached.

How did Tommy scrub? ***Until his arms ached***, an adverb clause.

Josephine's three cats bolted from the driveway once they saw her car turn the corner.

When did the cats bolt? ***Once they saw her car turn the corner***, an adverb clause.

The missing eyeglasses are in the refrigerator, where Damien absentmindedly set them down while eating his roommate's leftover fried rice.

Where are the missing eyeglasses? ***Where Damien absentmindedly set them down***, an adverb clause.

After her appointment at the orthodontist, Danielle cooked eggs for dinner because she could easily chew an omelet.

Why did Danielle cook eggs? ***Because she could easily chew an omelet***, an adverb clause.

