

# Understanding Clauses

A clause is a group of words which includes a verb.

A **main clause** makes sense on its own because it contains a **subject** and a **predicate**:

'The **student** walked to class'

When information is added to the main clause (that would not make sense on its own) it is known as a **subordinate clause**:

'The **student** walked to class and chopped someone's leg off'

Clauses function in various ways and these depend on the context in which they are used. It is always necessary to consider the whole sentence.