

# THE ADVERB CLAUSE

## Recognize an adverb clause when you find one.

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An adverb clause will meet these three requirements:

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

Read these examples:

Brittany can pass Professor Gregory's microbiology class **if she studies seven hours a day**.

*How* can Brittany pass microbiology? ***If she studies seven hours a day***, an adverb clause.

Josephine's three cats bolted from the driveway **once they heard her car racing around the corner**.

*When* did the cats bolt? ***Once they heard her car racing around the corner***, an adverb clause.

When Nick and Victoria go camping, their hotel room is **wherever they pitch their tent!**

*Where* is Nick and Victoria's hotel room? ***Wherever they pitch their tent***, 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.

