

# CLAUSE AND A PHRASE

## Key Differences Between Phrase and Clause

The points given below are substantial so far as the difference between phrase and clause is concerned:

1. A phrase is described as a group of two or more than two words related to one another, that constitute a single unit. On the other extreme, the clause is a part of a sentence, that contains a subject (noun phrase) that actively performs an action (finite verb form).
2. A phrase is a part of a clause or a sentence. As against, a clause is a sentence fragment.
3. A clause has a subject and predicate, whereas a phrase doesn't.
4. A phrase cannot stand alone, as it does not convey a meaning. In contrast, a clause is a standalone statement, which conveys a thought or idea.

### Examples

#### Phrase

- She lives *near my friend's home*.
- I was waiting, *outside the hostel*.

#### Clause

- *This is my last attempt* for IAS examination.
- She understands *what you cannot explain in words*.

### How to remember the difference

You can easily find out, which set of words is a phrase or clause, by dividing them into various parts of speech. If the combination of words contains a subject and a verb, then it is regarded as a clause, otherwise, it is called as a phrase.