

CLAUSE AND PHRASE

A **phrase** is a group of words that makes some sense but not complete sense. A phrase does not have a subject or verb.

A **clause** is a group of words that makes complete sense. A clause must have a subject and a verb.

EXERCISE

In the following sentences, state whether the underlined part is a phrase or a clause.

1. In spite of the heavy rains, we reached on time.
2. She passed her test because of her teacher.
3. She failed her exams because she had a bad teacher.
4. Though she performed well in the interview, she didn't get the job.
5. In spite of his good grades, he couldn't secure admission in a good college.
6. Driven by the storm, we took shelter under a bridge.
7. Having delivered the message, he departed.
8. Not knowing what to do, she stood there motionless.
9. Now that he is married, he has become more responsible.
10. Despite her protests, they took the child away.