

Phrase and Clause Flowchart Classifier

Definitions to Keep in Mind:

- **Verb:** An action word. In the sentence “She mowed the lawn,” the word *mowed* is the verb.
- **Subject:** A noun that does the verb. In the sentence “They went to a movie,” the word *they* is the subject.
- **Clause:** A group of words with a subject and a verb. Clauses may be dependent or independent.
 - **Independent Clause:** a clause that expresses a complete thought and could stand on its own as a sentence
 - **Dependent Clause:** a clause that cannot stand on its own as a sentence
- **Phrase:** A group of words that is missing a subject, a verb, or both.

Directions: Answer the flowchart questions to determine if a group of words is a phrase or a clause. If the word group is a clause, you can continue through the flowchart questions to determine if it is an independent or dependent clause

