Adverb Clauses

An adverb clause is one which usually modifies a verb. It may also modify an adverb or an adjective. It may express place, manner, time, condition, degree, purpose, cause or reason, concession, or evidence.

An adverb clause is used as an adverb and answers the questions How? When? Where? Why? The adverb clause modifies the verb. Some adverb clause signals are as follows: as, if, while, where, since, when, until, though, unless, as if, before, because, and although.

Example: Jeff **accepted the trophy** as if he had expected it.

Directions: In the sentences below, underline with one line the adverb clause and with two lines the word it modifies.

1. She remained where I left her.
2. Where he leads, I will follow.
3. As we came out of the theater, we met our friends.
4. Nell paced the floor as she recited her speech.
5. The party started after I came.
6. Mike will stay if you need to go.
7. Chris will not play his instrument unless you do.
8. The lawyer came because he was called.
9. The dog barked when Teresa came to the door.
10. Karen was well although she stood in the rain for hours.
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Directions: Combine the pairs of sentences by changing the underlined sentence to an adverb clause.

1. I can come. **I finish my work.**

2. I will be there. **The play is over.**

3. I shouted. **I heard the news.**

4. Bad storms arise. **Cold and warm ocean currents meet.**

5. No planes were flying. **The fog was thick.**