

Exercise walk-through

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Clauses and relationships between ideas

AP English Language and Composition

Clauses and Relationships Between Ideas

- **Modifiers** – words, phrases, or clauses – **qualify, clarify, or specify** information about the thing they modify.
- **Parenthetical elements** – though not essential to understanding what they describe – **interrupt** the sentence to add information, comment, or emphasis.

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- grant it and dispose of it in passing, leaving the main clause to carry the argument
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- it names the condition explicitly, so the limit is visible and testable

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(b)

- no

Exercises 3.1-3.2

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B main clause

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D shortest clause

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- main-clause position carries the weight

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- a stated condition is a real qualification

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- cost subordinated; the rise in attendance placed in the main clause; one grammatical sentence