



Understanding Phrases and Clauses

Today's Standard

7.L.1a - Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.

Cues	Notes
What is a phrase?	A phrase is a group of words that work together but do not have a subject and predicate.
What is a clause?	A clause is a group of words that includes a subject and predicate.
How do phrases and clauses differ?	Phrases do not have both a subject and predicate, while clauses do.
What are independent and dependent clauses?	Independent clauses can stand alone as sentences; dependent clauses cannot.
Why are phrases and clauses important in writing?	Understanding phrases and clauses helps improve sentence structure and clarity in writing.

Summary

Phrases and clauses are essential components of sentences. Phrases lack a subject and predicate, while clauses include both. Knowing the difference between independent and dependent clauses is crucial for constructing clear and effective sentences.