

Independent (or main) clause:

- has a verb and a subject
- make sense on its own

Howl's Moving Castle

Learning about clauses

Circle the verb and underline the subject.

1. Grandma Sofi cleans Howl's castle.
2. Calcifer is a fire demon.
3. Sofi treks through The Waste to find Howl's castle.
4. Markl becomes attached to Sofi.
5. Sofi praises Calcifer's skill.
6. The portal door opens.
7. Outside is the town of Porthaven.
8. Howl's hair turns red.
9. The ring symbolises Howl's affection for Sofi.
10. 10. Madame Sulaman sets a trap for Howl.



Dependent (or subordinate) clause:

- must be attached to a main clause to make sense

Circle the independent clause and underline the dependent clause.

1. Markl pulls on the rope which is twisted around Turnip Head's body.
2. Sofi calls everyone in for supper and serves them quickly.
3. Howl discovers that he has a new family and so renovates the castle.
4. Markl controls the portal door, opening it for guests when they come.
5. Sofi sought a cure for the curse and found love in the process.
6. Howl finds himself repulsive with green hair and threatens to kill himself.
7. Calcifer keeps the castle moving by creating fire energy.
8. The Wicked Witch begins as a well-groomed, fat lady but ends as a baggy old woman.
9. The dog led the way up the hundreds of stairs.
10. Sofi mistook the dog for Howl since he promised to follow her.