

Lesson 1 / Handout 1b

The simple sentence

1. How many **clause types** do we distinguish in English?
2. According to which criteria do they differ?
3. Which clause element determines what other elements (apart from S) will be present in a sentence?
4. What do you know about **optional adverbials** in connection with clause types?
5. Clause types are closely connected with **verb classes**; there are **3 main verb classes**. Which are they?
6. Explain the following term: **multiple class membership of verbs**. Give some examples.
7. What is understood by the **complementation of the verb**?
8. What is a broader notion: **complement** or **complementation**?
9. What is the relationship between **phrases = forms** and **clause elements = functions**?

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