



Bayview High

Muscle Bound

Chapter 5: The New Girl

Working with Words—Identifying Clauses

A **clause** is a group of words with a subject and predicate used to form part of a sentence or an entire sentence. An **independent clause** can stand alone as a sentence. A dependent clause modifies the main or independent clause.

For example: Kalen **scanned the crowd**, looking for familiar faces. (independent clause)

Underline the independent clauses in each of the following sentences:

1. He saw his sister Julia standing with other grade nine girls.
2. Kalen saw that she was holding a timetable.
3. A girl with a pierced eyebrow handed him his schedule.
4. Kalen turned to see a pretty girl standing behind him.
5. A girl who was nervous asked Kalen for directions.
6. How Scott bulked up over the summer is an interesting subject.
7. Give whoever asks about the history teacher a real description.