

## STAGE 4: Editing

- Make sure your SENTENCES are well constructed.**

Clause: Two types, and all sentences are combination of these two types

**Independent Clause:** expresses a complete thought—it's a complete sentence.

Ex: The cat ate the food.

Ex: He went to the Walmart around the corner from his house.

**Dependent Clause:** this is a fragment/incomplete thought—it has a subject and a verb, but (unlike an independent clause) cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Ex: Cat ate food.

Ex: The Walmart around the corner from his house.

\*Check our fabulous handout on sentence types for more help!

- Check your punctuation, like periods and question marks.**
- Check to make sure your commas are used appropriately (see handout for more!)**
- Check capitalization (proper nouns, first letter of sentence, see handout for more!)**
- Check your spelling—YOU need to proofread, but computer programs help a little 😊**
- Make sure you included ALL citation (in-text AND bibliography at the end)**

AWESOME, FREE Resources for more grammar assistance (and a lot more!):

- Grammarly.com
- OWL Purdue (writing center at Purdue Univ. that has EVERYTHING about writing)
- Grammar Girl: [www.quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl](http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl)
- LousyWriter.com
- Easybib (citation help)—all citation systems have BOTH in-text and end of paper citations.  
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