

Chapter 6 • Eliminating Clause-trophobia

Exercise 1

In the following sentences, see if you can identify each underlined word group as an *independent clause* (I), a *dependent clause* (D), or just a measly little *phrase* (P). (Remember, a phrase does not contain a subject and verb.)

1. Little Wilbur threw a tantrum on his birthday because he wanted creamed corn instead of cake.
2. When he styles his chest hair, Stanley uses volume-increasing mousse to achieve a manly look.
3. In a romantic twist of fate, Quigley and Kaitlyn fell in love on a crowded elevator when their dental headgears intertwined.
4. “Is it true that baboons eat ticks?” asked Rick.
5. Tootsie answered an employment ad for a mall elf, but she was under-qualified.
6. Eunice stopped wearing eucalyptus lotion after she was attacked by a group of hungry sloths.
7. Norman wore his best jacket to the dance, but he forgot his pants.
8. For some reason, porcupines often have bonding issues.
9. Because Rockefeller dropped his clock, it never ticks and only tocks.
10. Fabio bought a commemorative stamp that commemorates the first commemorative stamp.