

Clauses

The First Principle

Every clause has a subject and predicate (verb).

The Second Principle

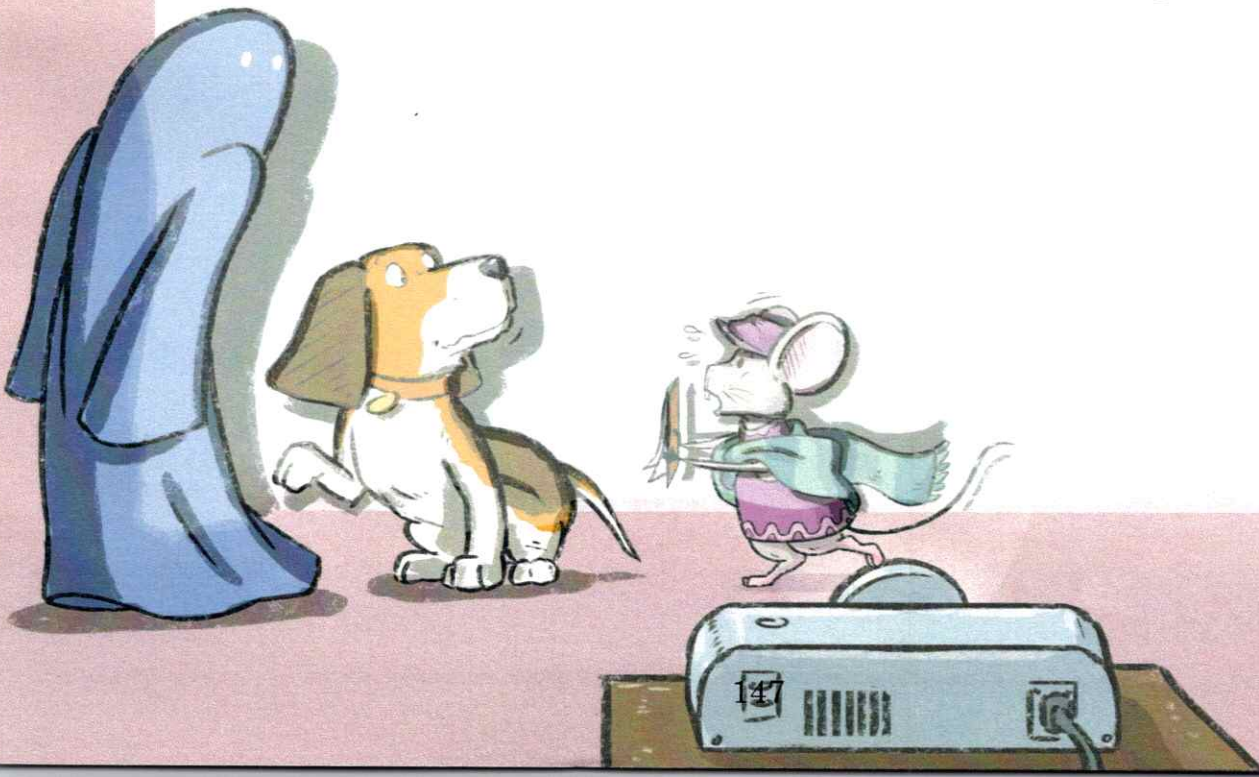
Each clause includes all of its words, even the words of phrases.

The Third Principle

You can have two clauses in a sentence but not two sentences in a clause.

The Fourth Principle

The form of the clause shows our minds seeing the world.





Poodle took a deep breath. Whew.
What an adventure they had had,
shooting through portals into zones
of poetic reality!

They had chosen the road less traveled by.
They had watched with Emily
as a bird hopped down the path.
They had spent the day in Robert's block world
and gotten sparkly presents from a king.
They had fought an awful Tempest,
only to find that one storm creature
was an old friend of Dickinson's.

They had met Robert Frost,
and Emily Dickinson,
and Robert Louis Stevenson.

Everyone was tired. Even Maybe.



Now that the awful Tempest Arnold
had departed (he'll be back),
and his creatures had followed,
and the first bird had tweeted,
and dawn had thrown her glowing
fingers up into the clouds,
which were gray on top and pink on the bottom,
it was time for a break.

“Lunch time!” cried Maybe.
At last.

Everyone sat on the edge of the stage,
with their legs dangling over,
and fished in their sandwich pockets
for their favorite sandwiches.

