

LAS Activity 309
 Self - evaluation 04

Noun phrases
Alpha Centauri
a triple-star simple system
One
Proxima Centauri
the nearest star
The name "Proxima"
Proxima Centauri
the closest star
Interstellar differences
A person
the distance
Light
light
four years

Prepositional phrases
of the three stars
in Alpha Centauri
to the Earth
except of course for the Sun
from a Latin word
to the Earth
outside of our solar system
in a modern spacecraft
at Proxima Centauri
within this lifetime
within ten lifetimes*
at a speed
of 186,000 miles
per second
from Proxima Centauri
to the Earth

*this phrase is prepositional because it also depends on the preposition within.

Simple sentences
(because they have only one subject and one verb)

Alpha Centauri is a triple-star simple system.

Complex sentences
(because they have more than one subject and one verb)

One of the three stars in Alpha Centauri is Proxima Centauri, which is the nearest star to the Earth, except of course for the Sun.

The name “Proxima” comes from a Latin word which means “close”.

Even though Proxima Centauri is the closest star to the Earth outside of our solar system, it is not really close.

Interstellar distances are so large that they are almost impossible to imagine.

A person traveling in a modern spacecraft would not arrive at Proxima Centauri within this lifetime, or the next, or even ten lifetimes because the distance is so great.

Light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, and it still takes light more than four years to travel from Proxima Centauri to the Earth.

Coordinate sentences (coordinate connector)	
Main clause	Coordinate clause
Light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second,	and it still takes light more than four years to travel from Proxima Centauri to the Earth.

Subordinate Sentences	
Adverb (adverb connectors)	
Main clause	Coordinate clause
It is not really close.	Even though Proxima Centauri is the closest star to the Earth outside of our solar system,
A person traveling in a modern spacecraft would not arrive at Proxima Centauri within this lifetime, or the next, or even ten lifetimes	because the distance is so great
Interstellar distances are (so) large	so (large) that they are almost impossible to imagine

They are adverb clauses because they express contrast (even though), cause (because), and consequence (so that)

Adjective (adjective connectors or participle clauses)	
Main clause	Coordinate clause
One of the three stars in Alpha Centauri is Proxima Centauri,	which is the nearest star to the Earth, except of course for the Sun.
The name "Proxima" comes from the Latin word	which means "close".
A person... would not arrive at Proxima Centauri within this lifetime, or the next, or even ten lifetimes	traveling traveling in a modern spacecraft

They are adjective clauses because they are after a noun describing it.