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## SENT. STRUCTURE L 9.7 – MODAL CLAUSES (INDEM)

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## WHAT ARE MODAL CLAUSES?

Modal clauses are subordinate clauses.

They describe how something was done or how something occurred.

The question words are: "Wie?", "Wodurch?", "Auf welche Art und Weise?"

The conjunctions are "indem" and "dadurch/ohne/anstatt dass...".

They can also be formed with the infinitives "ohne... zu..." and "anstatt... zu...".

## "INDEM" AND "DADURCH DASS..."

"Indem" and "dadurch dass" explain the direct way how the goal was reached.

### How can someone become a millionaire?

- „Man kann Millionär werden, **indem** man im Lotto **gewinnt**.“
- „Man kann Millionär werden, **dadurch dass** man hart **arbeitet**.“
- „Man kann **dadurch** Millionär werden, **dass** man etwas **erbt**.“

What's the goal? → **How do I reach that goal?**

"Dadurch dass" can be separated like "sodass" (Consecutive Clauses). The main clause **MUST** come before the subordinate clause, and "dadurch" comes in front of the goal that should be reached.

## "OHNE DASS" AND "OHNE ZU"

"Ohne dass" and "ohne... zu..." specify a restriction.

"Ohne dass" is a normal subordinate clause, and "ohne... zu..." is an infinitive construction.

- „Ich gehe an den Strand, **ohne dass** ich eine Badehose **trage**.“
- „Ich gehe an den Strand, **ohne** eine Badehose **zu tragen**.“

"Ohne... zu..." can only be used when the same subject is used within the main clause and the subordinate clause. (More info in "Infinitive Constructions").

## “ANSTATT DASS” AND “ANSTATT ZU”

"Anstatt dass" and "anstatt... zu..." describe an alternative to the happening in the main clause.

"Anstatt dass" is a normal subordinate clause, and "anstatt... zu..." is an infinitive construction.

- „Ich schwimme im Pool, **anstatt dass** ich im Meer schwimmen **gehe**.“
- „Ich schwimme im Pool, **anstatt** im Meer schwimmen **zu gehen**.“  
„Ich schwimme im Pool und nicht im Meer.“

"Anstatt... zu..." can only be used when the same subject is used within the main clause and the subordinate clause.

## SUMMARY

- Modal clauses are subordinate clauses that are formed by using "indem", "dadurch dass", "ohne/anstatt das" and "ohne/anstatt... zu..."
- They describe how something was done or how it has occurred.
- The question words are: "Wie?", "Wodurch?", "Auf welche Art und Weise?".
- We can form infinitive constructions with "ohne/anstatt... zu..."

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