**THE ADVERB CLAUSE**

An **adverb clause** is a subordinate clause used to modify a verb, adjective, or adverb in the main clause. Every adverb clause is introduced by a subordinating conjunction. An adverb clause tells *when, where, why, how, to what extent, or how much* about the word it modifies.

Adverb Clause Modifying Verbs

We **left** the bicycle *where we had found it*. (where)

*When the rain began*, we **were** six miles from home. (when)

I **could** hardly **hold** my head up *because I was so sleepy*. (why)

Adverb Clause Modifying Adjectives

Bob is **taller** *than any other boy I know*. (to what extent)

The public library is **bigger** *than it used to be*. (how much)

Adverb Clauses Modifying an Adverb

Ferguson ran **faster** *than the other track stars did.* (how much)

**Identifying Adverb Clauses**. Underline the adverb clause in each sentence. Circle the word it modifies.

**Example:** As we approached the intersection, we the Nelsons' car.

1. When I delivered the newspaper, I saw Mrs. Sampson at the window.

2 Because that clerk was so helpful, I praised her to the store manager.

3. You may play outside until it's dark.

4. Vince becomes nervous when he speaks in public.

5. Please visit us whenever you are in the Chicago area.

6. Nero fiddled while Rome burned.

7. You may have piano lessons if you will practice an hour a day.

8. If the jacket is too big for you, I can alter it.

9. Mother took a nap while Amy and I went bicycling.

10. Phone us when you arrive in town.

11. Take a walk until dinner is ready.

12. The movie was just beginning as we bought our tickets.

13. When we arrived in Seattle, we took a taxi to our hotel.

14 Since I'll be late for dinner, I will get a sandwich downtown.

15. Whenever you make a promise, you must keep it.

16. She can swim better than Bob can.

17. Although I'd never been in the Martins' house before, I felt at home there.

18. Since they left Cleveland, the Smiths have lived in three other cities.

19. When you listen to music on the radio, do you hum along with it?

20. You may have the job if you will work hard at it.

**THE NOUN CLAUSE**

A **noun clause** is a subordinate clause used as a noun in the sentence. A noun clause may be used as a subject or direct object of the verb, as a predicate noun, as object of the preposition, or as an appositive.

Every direct quotation is a noun clause without an introductory word.

Mary said, "Dinner is ready." (The noun clause is the object of said.)

Mary said that dinner was ready. (*That* is the introductory word.)

**Identifying Noun Clauses*.* U**nderline the noun clause in each sentence. If the noun clause is the subject of the sentence, write **S** in the blank. If the noun clause is the direct object, write **D** in the blank.

**Example:** I know what the answer is. **D**

1. Do you know who the governor of Ohio is? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Susan thinks that she will get the job at Martin's Store. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Whoever phoned us didn't let the phone ring long enough. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Andy promised that he'd be on time for the party. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Whether or not she should go camping worried Jane. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Mr. Sims mentioned that he'd be late for the meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Whoever sent us this letter should have signed his or her name. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who your ancestors were makes no difference to me. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Mr. Barnes swore that he would tell the truth. \_\_\_\_\_

10. That anyone else could be doing the same experiments never occurred to him. \_\_\_\_\_

11. The old man knew where the treasure was kept. \_\_\_\_\_

12. I'll never forget what happened on our way to the carnival. \_\_\_\_\_

13. I knew that the safe was behind the picture. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Amy assured Miss Jordan that she understood the problems. \_\_\_\_\_

15. What happened on June 30, 1973, will never be forgotten in our town. \_\_\_\_\_

16. We knew that we were in for a spell of hot, humid weather. \_\_\_\_\_

17. Whoever visits us will be assured of a freshly painted room. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Whoever sent us this Christmas card forgot to sign his or her name. \_\_\_\_\_

19. We all believe that Jim will be elected class president. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20. Mr. Norman regrets that he didn’t travel in his youth. ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**THE ADJECTIVE CLAUSE**

An **adjective clause** is a subordinate clause used to modify a noun or a pronoun in the main clause. It may be introduced by the pronouns **who, whose, whom, which,** or **that** (and sometimes **when** or **where)**. These pronouns are called **relative pronouns** because they relate to a noun or a pronoun in the sentence. Occasionally, no relative pronoun is used, but it is implied or understood.

Is she the girl whom you met at the party? (whom relates to girl)

This is a book that I like. (that relates to book)

This is a book I like. (that is implied)

This is a house where Washington slept. (where relates to house)

**Identifying Adjective Clauses**. Underline the adjective clause in each of the following sentences. Circle the word it modifies.

**Example:** The that he wrote has just been published.

1. Mike, whose ancestors came from Ireland, marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

2. The woman who lives next door is a registered nurse.

3. Williamsburg, Virginia, is a place that I'd like to visit.

4. Math, which is Dave's favorite subject, has always been easy for him.

5. There is the house that I'd like to buy.

6. Larry's letter, which he mailed Tuesday, reached me on Thursday.

7. Summer, which is my favorite season, will be here in another week.

8. Phil is reading *The Call of the Wild*, which is Jack London's most famous book.

9. We live just twenty miles from O'Hare Airport, which is the world's busiest airport.

10. Newton, Iowa, is the town where Barbara was born.

11. I'm taking golf lessons from Erika Lavery, who is a pro at the country club.

12. That dog that you found belongs to the Olsons.

13. Is that the jacket you want to buy?

14. There is a chance that Norm will win the election.

15. Is this the letter you were expecting?

16. Over there is the school that I attended.

17. Mr. Hartman is a history teacher who also coaches track.

18. Is that the antique show you visited?

19. The Harveys have a dog that is fourteen years old.

20. For dinner, we had chicked fried steak, which is my favorite dish.