

COMPLEX SENTENCES

with an adjective clause

Writing 1

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A complex sentence :

A sentence that consists of independent clause (main clause) and dependent clause (subordinate clause)

There are three kinds of dependent clauses:

1. Adjective Clause (Relative Clause)
2. Adverbial Clause
3. Noun Clause

✓ This unit focuses on complex sentences with adjective clauses.

Analyse the following sentences :

- Ø What is the function of the adjective clause in the sentence?
- A. The woman whom my mom talked to sells cosmetics.
- B. The book that Jonathan read is on the shelf.
- C. The house which Abraham Lincoln was born in is still standing.
- D. The town where I grew up is in the United States.

Answer:

- Ø In sentence A, the adjective clause modifies 'the woman'
- Ø In sentence B, the adjective clause modifies 'the book'
- Ø In sentence C, the adjective clause modifies 'the house'
- Ø In sentence D, the adjective clause modifies 'the town'

Conclusion:

- ü **In a complex sentence, an adjective clause functions to modify a noun/ noun phrase**

Connectors/ Subordinators/ Subordinating Signals for Adjective Clauses are:

who **whom** **whose** **that** refer to people

which **whose** **that** refer to animals and things

when **where** refer to a time or a place

Note:

in the examples above, connectors are in blue

PRACTICE 1 - Subject and Object Pattern

Combine the two sentences in each pair to make a new sentence containing an adjective clause in the subject or object pattern. You may use the connectors *who*, *whom*, *which*, or *that* as appropriate.

Example:

- Albert Einstein was a high school dropout.
 - The world recognizes him as a genius.
- à Albert Einstein, **whom** the world recognizes as a genius, was a high school dropout.

1. John Fish explained the complex structure of DNA. He is a research chemist.
2. The only subjects were mathematics and physics. The students enjoy them.
3. Fans quickly lose interest in a sports team. The team loses game after game.
4. Foreigner also have difficulty with English spelling. English spelling is not always consistent with its pronunciation.
5. He developed theories. We use his theories to help us understand the nature of the universe.

PRACTICE 2 - Completing Complex Sentences

Using the prompt given, complete the sentences using the appropriate adjective clauses in the subject or object patterns.

1. My mother, whom _____
2. I do not know anyone who _____
3. _____ is a sport that _____
4. The islands of Bali, which _____
5. _____ the homework that _____
6. _____ a person whom _____
7. The school subjects that _____
8. _____ is a soccer, which _____

✓ WRITING PRACTICE

Write complex sentences containing an adjective clause as a response to the following pictures











