

Lesson 251

Parts of the Sentence - Adjective Dependent Clauses

A *complex sentence* is made up of an *independent clause* and a *dependent clause*.

Example:

The *television was playing* *as I left* the room.

independent clause

dependent clause

There are three kinds of *dependent clauses*: *adjective clause*, *adverb clause*, and *noun clause*.

The *adjective clause* is used to modify a *noun* or a *pronoun*. It will begin with a *relative pronoun* (*who*, *whose*, *whom*, *which*, and *that*) or a *subordinate conjunction* (*when* and *where*). Those are the only words that can be used to introduce an *adjective clause*. The introductory word will always rename the word that it follows and modifies except when used with a *preposition* which will come between the introductory word and the word it renames.

Examples:

The student *whose hand was up* gave the wrong answer.

adjective clause

Jane is a person *in whom I can place my confidence*.

adjective clause

Instructions: Find the *adjective dependent clause* in the following sentences and tell which word it modifies.

1. I play a kind of music that nobody likes.
2. The man whom you saw was not the famous actor.
3. I remember the day when I took my first airplane ride.

4. I have a neighbor whose parents live in Australia.

5. The hint that I learned about cleaning the walk saved me much work.