Lesson 272
Parts of the Sentence - Noun Clauses

A ***noun clause*** is a ***dependent clause*** that can be used in the same way as a ***noun*** or ***pronoun***. It can be a ***subject***, ***predicate nominative***, ***direct object***, ***appositive***, ***indirect object***, or ***object of the preposition***.

Some of the words that introduce ***noun clauses*** are *that*, *whether*, *who*, *why*, *whom*, *what*, *how*, *when*, *whoever*, *where*, and *whomever*. Notice that some of these words also introduce ***adjective*** and ***adverb clauses***.

To check if the ***dependent clause*** is a ***noun clause***, substitute the clause with the pronoun ***it*** or the proper form of the pronouns ***he*** or ***she***.

Example:
I know ***who said that***. = I know ***it***.
noun clause
Whoever said it is wrong. = ***He*** is wrong.
noun clause

Sometimes a ***noun clause*** is used without the introductory word.

Example:
I know ***that he is here***.
noun clause
I know ***he is here***.
noun clause

Instructions: Find the ***noun clauses*** in the following sentences and tell how they are used (***subject***, ***predicate nominative***, ***direct object***, ***appositive***, ***indirect object***, or ***object of the preposition***).

1. I do not know where he is going to stay.

2. How rich I am should concern no one except me.

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3. That I should get a haircut is Mother's idea.

4. I wonder where my shoes are.

5. The money goes to whoever wins the race.

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