

Lesson 276

Parts of the Sentence - Adjective, Adverb, and Noun Clauses

The **adjective clause** is a **dependent clause** that modifies 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

An **adverb clause** is a **dependent clause** that modifies a **verb**, **adjective**, or another **adverb**. It usually modifies the **verb**. **Adverb clauses** are introduced by **subordinate conjunction** including *after, although, as, as if, before, because, if, since, so that, than, though, unless, until, when, where, and while*. These are just some of the more common ones.

Example:

They arrived before the game had ended.
adverb clause

- *before the game had ended* modifies *arrived*

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*. 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

Instructions: Find the **adjective**, **adverb**, or **noun clauses** in these sentences. If it is an **adjective** or **adverb clause**, tell which word it modifies, and if it is a **noun clause** tell how they are used (**subject**, **predicate nominative**, **direct object**, **appositive**, **indirect object**, or **object of the preposition**).

1. Donna is my mother-in-law who died several years ago.
2. Atlantic City is where the Boardwalk is located.
3. The man had another back operation because he ruptured another disk.
4. A nurse can find a job wherever she goes.
5. Now I understand why you didn't want to attend.