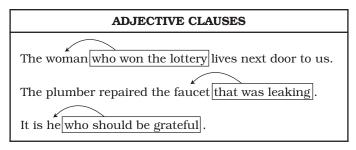
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Adjective Clauses • Practice 1

The Adjective Clause A clause is a group of words containing its own subject and verb. A clause that can stand by itself as a sentence is an independent clause. A clause that can only be part of a sentence is a subordinate clause. An adjective clause is a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or pronoun, telling what kind or which one. Adjective clauses usually begin with a relative pronoun — that, which, who, whom, or whose.



Exercise 1

Recognizing Adjective Clauses. Underline the adjective clause in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: The mayor praised the girl who rescued the drowning child.

- 1. The candidate who led in the polls became overconfident.
- 2. Items that are on sale are marked by a red sticker.
- 3. The contest is open to anyone who lives in this state.
- 4. The President that was elected four times was Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- 5. My uncle has a parrot that can say several sentences.
- 6. The person whom the police arrested turned out to be innocent.
- 7. The mill that once stood here was torn down long ago.
- 8. The treasure map, which was crumpled and torn, was hard to make out.
- 9. Fleetfoot, who was favored to win the race, came in last.
- 10. Dad needs a secretary who can speak Portuguese.

Exercise 2 Identifying Adjective Clauses and the Words They Modify. Underline the adjective clause in each sentence. Then circle the word the clause modifies.

EXAMPLE: The (book) that was missing had turned up at last.

- 1. Only people who have experience with lions and tigers need apply.
- 2. The carton that contained the dishes was undamaged.
- 3. A trapper who knew the woods well led the rescue party.
- 4. Grandpa still has the first dollar that he ever earned.
- 5. The author dedicated the book to his uncle, who had been kind to him.
- 6. The beggar whom the poor farmer helped was really the king.
- 7. We need a treasurer who can add and subtract.
- 8. The judges awarded the prize to the girl who made the dragon kite.
- 9. The page that has the brownie recipe on it is too smudged to read.
- 10. Alicia finally met the woman whom she had admired for so long.

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