

Grammar Practice: Clauses

Determine whether each group of words is a **clause** or a **phrase**. Write your answers on the lines provided.

1. after watching the sunset _____
2. after the boys had finished practice _____
3. an assistant to Mr. Howard _____
4. it was a short time before the rehearsal began _____
5. change the name of the document _____
6. if she says so _____
7. calling to the director for a new camera _____
8. when it was time to leave the game _____
9. what he had been trying to say all along _____
10. the third house on the left-hand side of the street _____

Determine whether each group of words is an **independent** or a **subordinate clause**. Write your answers on the lines next to each clause.

11. it seemed like yesterday _____
12. despite the fact you knew _____
13. if we could just see eye to eye _____
14. wherever he might go _____
15. before we leave _____
16. suppose he changes his mind _____
17. because we were only a mile from home _____
18. Andrew went fishing _____
19. when Justin took his first swing _____
20. so long as we remain in the boat _____

Determine whether the boldfaced group of words is an **independent, subordinate, or relative clause**. Write the clause type on the line next to each sentence.

21. Jason took a nap **before he left for his friend's house**. _____
22. You can keep your privileges **as long as we continue to see progress**. _____
23. Hannah wasn't feeling well, **which Dad noticed immediately**. _____
24. **Although you may disagree**, I still say Sheila is the best person for the job. _____
25. **There would be less tension between them** if they could just see eye to eye. _____
26. **I'm bringing my homework along** even though we don't plan to stay long. _____
27. Golam, **whom I've never met before**, seemed like a pretty nice guy. _____
28. **In order that we may be respectful of the presenters**, please turn off your cell phones. _____
29. I knew **that this was going to be an exciting game** when Andrew took his first swing. _____
30. Margaret, **whose earrings I borrowed last week**, told her dad that she was tired and wanted to go home. _____
31. **Before you go**, would you please be sure to clean up the mess you make? _____
32. It seemed like only yesterday **that I was here playing tag with my friends Julie and Laurie**. _____
33. Whichever cookie you decide on, **I assure you it will be absolutely delicious**. _____
34. **Since she was only just around the corner**, Paula decided to walk to the store instead of driving. _____
35. **Whoever she is**, she sure seems to know what she's doing. _____

Underline the **relative clause** in each of the following sentences.

36. Did you spill the glass of milk that was in the refrigerator?
37. The police are searching for the person who lives in this apartment.
38. The room on your left is where the supervisor works.
39. I am sure it was the car whose taillight was broken.
40. The acting class that I take every Thursday has been cancelled.

41. My cousin, who lives in Oklahoma, is going to Europe with us.
42. There is a fragrant lilac bush that grows outside my window.
43. To calm his angry girlfriend, Joey offered an apology which Francine did not accept.
44. We tried our luck at the same flea market where George found Amazing Spider-Man #96 in fair condition.
45. Michelle screamed when she saw the spider that dangled from the one clean bathroom towel.

Underline the **noun clause** in each of the following sentences.

46. I don't understand what he sees in this.
47. Phyllis's suggestion that we go through the Blue Ridge Mountains was a good one.
48. James was wondering what Wednesday's lineup is going to be.
49. Our intention is that we be able to visit the Eiffel Tower on our way through Paris.
50. Why you decided to switch careers this late in the game is hard to comprehend.
51. Hugh says he has no idea where he is going to sleep.
52. Whether Ursula goes to college is a concern of mine.
53. That we leave before five in the morning was her idea, not his.
54. You should know where your watch is.
55. The commendation goes to whoever accomplishes the tasks in a timely manner.