

Noun Clause

Introduction

1) A dependent (subordinate) clause gives additional information to the main sentence, thus it cannot stand alone as a separate sentence.

When she comes back home after a long day at work, she likes to take a bath.

2) A noun clause is a dependent clause that acts as a noun.

*She loves **violet**. (noun)*

*I know **that she loves violet**. (noun clause)*

A noun clause can begin with words such as *what, who, when, where, whether, which, why, how etc.*

*I don't know **who called me**.*

*It's important to state in your application **why you want to work at the company**.*

A noun clause can act as a subject, an object, or an object of a preposition.

***Why he did this** was beyond my understanding. (subject)*

*We would like to know **whether you see yourself coming back to our resort next year**. (object)*

*She told us about **how she managed to get her intern position**. (object of a preposition)*

Short Story Dialogue

– I wish I could grow up faster!

– Why?

*– Well, I could do **whatever I wanted**, I could be **wherever I wanted**. No one would ask me **why I did something!***

– Did you have a fight with your parents!

*– No! I mean, sort of... They didn't like **that I came home past midnight**.*

*– Of course they didn't like it! And I guess you didn't even call them saying **that you'll be that late**.*

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a.
b.
c.

Independent Practice: Answers - Noun Clause

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2) Write 3 sentences with noun clauses. Sample Answers:

- a. Whoever has written this needs to be reported to the police.
- b. I couldn't explain why I wanted to eat strawberries with honey.
- c. What my mom likes doing the most is working in the garden.