

Pre-Intermediate 2
Unit 2 Grammar, Part A
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Clauses

Clause = a group of words which start with a conjunction and have a subject and a verb

Conjunction = WH Words such as “what”, “who(m)”, “how”, “when”, “where”, “that”, “which”, etc.

There are 3 types of clauses:

- Noun Clauses
- Adjective Clauses
- Adverb Clauses

Point:

At Pre2, you are going to study noun clauses and adjective clauses. At Pre3 and Inter1, you will study adverb clauses.

Noun Clauses

A clause which functions as a noun in the sentence is called a noun clause.

There are two types of noun clauses:

▪ **Subjective Noun Clauses**

What Tom knows is very important for me.

Where Sally lives is a secret.

▪ **Objective Noun Clauses**

I will discover **what Tom knows**.

I don't know **where Sally lives**.

Point:

We should always use the structure of a statement in a clause. We can't use the structure of a question in a clause.

statement = a sentence which gives us some information

✗ Do you know **when does the train arrive?**

✓ Do you know **when the train arrives?**

✗ I know **where did they go yesterday.**

✓ I know **where they went yesterday.**

Point:

We can replace a noun clause with the word “something”. Then if you are in doubt about whether a clause is a noun clause or not, replace it with the word “something”. If the sentence still makes sense, you are dealing with a noun clause.

More Examples for Noun Clauses

I don't know **where the bank is.**

I don't know **whose car it is.**

Can you remember **what his last name was?**

Let's see **who can solve the problem.**

Let's see **how we can answer the question.**

I want to know **who stole the cake.**

I wonder **who stole the cake.**

wonder = want to know

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