

**Pre-Intermediate 2**  
**Unit 2 Grammar Part B**  
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## Reduction of Noun Clauses

When the subject of the sentence is the same as the subject of the noun clause, it is possible to reduce the noun clause into an infinitive phrase.

### How to Reduce a Noun Clause into a Noun Phrase:

We omit the subject of the noun clause and the helping verb. Then we use the main verb as an infinitive.

**reduce** = make something smaller in size

**omit** = delete

**infinitive** = the basic form of a verb that usually follows "to"

**infinitive** = to + Simple Form of the Verb

### Examples:

Sally knows **how she should drive a car.**

Sally knows **how to drive a car.**

I don't know **where I must go next.**

I don't know **where to go next.**

John doesn't know **what he should do.**

John doesn't know **what to do.**

### More Examples:

I don't know **where I should catch the bus.** [Noun clause]

I don't know **where to catch the bus.** [Infinitive phrase]

She asked **how she could improve her writing skills.** [Noun clause]

She asked **how to improve her writing skills.** [Infinitive phrase]

He decided **what he would do after graduation.** [Noun clause]

He decided **what to do after graduation.** [Infinitive phrase]

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