

## THE NOUN CLAUSE

A **noun clause** is a subordinate clause used as a noun in the sentence. A noun clause may be used as a subject or direct object of the verb, as a predicate noun, as object of the preposition, or as an appositive.

Every direct quotation is a noun clause without an introductory word.

Mary said, "Dinner is ready." (The noun clause is the object of said.)

Mary said that dinner was ready. (*That* is the introductory word.)

**Identifying Noun Clauses.** Underline the noun clause in each sentence. If the noun clause is the subject of the sentence, write **S** in the blank. If the noun clause is the direct object, write **D** in the blank.

Example: I know what the answer is. **D**

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2. Susan thinks that she will get the job at Martin's Store. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whoever phoned us didn't let the phone ring long enough. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Andy promised that he'd be on time for the party. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Whether or not she should go camping worried Jane. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Mr. Sims mentioned that he'd be late for the meeting. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Whoever sent us this letter should have signed his or her name. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who your ancestors were makes no difference to me. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Mr. Barnes swore that he would tell the truth. \_\_\_\_\_
10. That anyone else could be doing the same experiments never occurred to him. \_\_\_\_\_
11. The old man knew where the treasure was kept. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I'll never forget what happened on our way to the carnival. \_\_\_\_\_
13. I knew that the safe was behind the picture. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Amy assured Miss Jordan that she understood the problems. \_\_\_\_\_
15. What happened on June 30, 1973, will never be forgotten in our town. \_\_\_\_\_
16. We knew that we were in for a spell of hot, humid weather. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Whoever visits us will be assured of a freshly painted room. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Whoever sent us this Christmas card forgot to sign his or her name. \_\_\_\_\_
19. We all believe that Jim will be elected class president. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Mr. Norman regrets that he didn't travel more in his youth. \_\_\_\_\_

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