

## NOUN CLAUSE SELF-TEST

### Short Answer

**Directions:** Underline the noun clause in the sentence.

1. The students will ask their teacher when the final exam is.
2. Patricia wanted to know if her dad would give her a ride to school.
3. That we start on time is really important to our boss.
4. Can you tell me what time it is?
5. Mike didn't know who the man was or why he had come to the meeting.
6. It was unbelievable that we had to pay \$90 to take the exam.
7. Nan agreed that carpooling to work was a good idea.

**Directions:** Complete the sentence. Change the question into a noun clause.

8. (*How long has Hank lived in Memphis?*)

Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?

9. (*Whose dictionary is that?*)

I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Complete the sentence(s) with the words in parentheses. Use any appropriate verb tense. Some contain noun clauses and some contain questions.

10. A: How much (*your digital camera, cost*) \_\_\_\_\_?

B: I don't remember exactly how much (*I, pay*) \_\_\_\_\_ for it. I got it last year.

11. A: How many tickets to the art show (*you, sell*) \_\_\_\_\_?

B: I think about ten. Do you know how many (*Ted, sell*) \_\_\_\_\_? He said nearly everyone he knew had bought one from him.

12. A: Hey look! This old bottle has a note in it!

B: Really? What (*it, say*) \_\_\_\_\_?

A: I can't read it. The ink is too faded.

**Directions:** Complete the sentence. Change the question into a noun clause.

13. (*Is the bookstore open today?*)

Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?

14. (*Is Mandy going to pass her chemistry class?*)

I don't know \_\_\_\_\_.

15. (*Did an overnight mail package arrive today?*)

We can ask the mail clerk \_\_\_\_\_.

16. (*Do you prefer coffee or tea for breakfast?*)

Please let me know \_\_\_\_\_.

17. (*Does Tom mind when his brother practices the drums?*)

\_\_\_\_\_ is unimportant.

18. (*Will Liz be going to Orlando with us?*)

Liz isn't sure \_\_\_\_\_ or not.

19. **A. Directions:** Make sentences with the same meaning by using infinitives.

1. Tom didn't tell me where I should meet him.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Mick showed me how I could solve a Sudoku puzzle.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. I can't decide whether or not I should travel over the holidays.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Julie wanted to know when she should start the barbecue.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. I had several huge flowerpots that I didn't want. I wondered what I should do with them.

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6. Sandy and Jack discussed where they should go on vacation.

\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Directions:** Complete the sentences with your own words. Use infinitives in your completions.

1. A: What are you going to fix for dinner?

B: I don't know. I can't decide \_\_\_\_\_ fish or pasta tonight.

2. A: Mom, can you help me with this math homework?

B: Hmmm . . . . Sorry. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ that type of math problem anymore.

3. A: I bought a new computer, but I'm having trouble setting it up. Can you come over and help me with it?

B: Sure, but you'll have to explain \_\_\_\_\_ to your house.

4. A: I need a book on gardening. Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ one?

B: Of course. All of our gardening books are in the back of the store on the right side.

5. A: I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ about my failing grade in English class.

B: Try doing some homework now and then!

6. A: What's the problem? Why haven't you started painting yet?

B: I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ the walls white or pale yellow. What do you think?

20. **A. Directions:** Add the word *that* to the sentences to mark the beginning of a noun clause.

1. I didn't know Alice had a broken leg.

2. Are you sure you didn't leave your cell phone in the car?

3. It's a fact pirates captured a boat off the coast of Africa recently.

4. Steve failed his driving test is unfortunate.

5. Did I remind you we are going shopping after work?

6. Ginger is excited she will go to Costa Rica in March.

**B. Directions:** Write each sentence in another way, but keep the same meaning. Include a noun clause.

1. That Don isn't feeling well is obvious.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. It is unfortunate that Sarah won't be able to attend the ceremony.

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3. That the doctor gave you the wrong prescription is unlikely.

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4. That the little boy survived the plane crash is a miracle.

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5. It surprises me that Rosa didn't finish the project on time.

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6. It is clear that no one will pass this class without additional help from the teacher.

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**Directions:** Add punctuation and capitalization.

21. where are you going on your vacation Ruth asked

22. I hear Alaska is beautiful commented Ruth so you're sure to have a wonderful vacation

**Directions:** Complete the sentence by rewriting the speaker's words. Use a noun clause. Use a past verb form in the noun clause if appropriate.

23. "I will be there in fifteen minutes," promised Kevin.

Kevin just texted me \_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Write a report for the conversation. Your report should include an accurate idea of the speaker's words, but it doesn't have to use the exact words. Use the formal sequence of tenses as appropriate. Answers will vary.

24. Lynne said, "I had a wonderful vacation."

Neil said, "That's good. What did you do?"

Lynne answered, "I went skiing in Montana. The snow was perfect."

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25. "How was your English test?" David's mom asked.

"It wasn't too hard," David replied.

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26. Doug asked, "Where can I find the shoe department?"

The clerk answered, "It's on the second floor."

Doug said, "Thank you for your help."

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**Directions:** Change the words in *italics* to an **-ever** word.

27. You can hang the picture *anyplace that* you want.

You can hang the picture \_\_\_\_\_ you want.

28. Will isn't very independent. He does *anything that* his friends tell him to do.

He does \_\_\_\_\_ his friends tell him to do.

29. My history teacher said he had three books about Genghis Khan and that I could borrow *any of the books that* I wanted.

My history teacher said he had three books about Genghis Khan and that I could borrow \_\_\_\_\_ book I wanted.

30. My hair stylist is amazing. She can fix my hair *in any way that* I ask, and it always looks great.

She can fix my hair \_\_\_\_\_ I ask, and it always looks great.

31. There are several flavors of ice cream to choose from. Jason probably won't like *any flavor that* I choose.

Jason probably won't like \_\_\_\_\_ flavor I choose.

**Directions:** Correct the error(s).

32. My brother asked me what did I want.

33. I'm not sure if or not we will buy a new car this year.

34. Whenever time you want to go is fine with me.

**Directions:** Complete the sentence. Change the question into a noun clause.

35. (*How did the fire start?*)

Investigators are trying to find out \_\_\_\_\_.

36. (*Would Jim prefer a sweater or a shirt?*)

I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Make a sentence with the same meaning by using an infinitive.

37. I've told you everything I know about the crime. I don't know what else I should say.

I've told you everything I know about the crime. I \_\_\_\_\_.

38. I was completely lost. I didn't know which way I should go or whom I should ask for help.

I was completely lost. I \_\_\_\_\_.

39. The supervisor gave Maria terrible directions. She wasn't sure what she should do or how she should begin.

The supervisor gave Maria terrible directions. She \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Combine the sentences into one that contains a noun clause. Use *it* or *that* where necessary to make the noun clause.

40. Women live longer than men. That is a fact.

\_\_\_\_\_.

41. The coffee at the Campus Café is terrible. I agree with that.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Add punctuation and capitalization.

42. I don't want to waste time said Mary so let's hurry

43. why did the mother bird fly away from the nest asked Jimmy

44. Valerie told the tour group please stay close together so no one gets lost

45. Mr. Donovan is our attorney Margaret said he is very good

46. when he saw the car coming towards them James shouted look out

**Directions:** Write a report of the conversation. Use the formal sequence of tenses.

47. ANITA: Do you sell computer accessories?  
CLERK: Yes, we do. What are you looking for?  
ANITA: I need a wireless mouse for my laptop.  
CLERK: What kind of a computer do you have?  
ANITA: It's a Sony Notebook.  
CLERK: All of these should work with your computer.  
ANITA: Thanks very much.

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**Directions:** Complete the sentence with an *-ever* word.

48. A cell phone is very convenient. I can call my friends \_\_\_\_\_ I want.  
49. A: Mmmm! There are so many good things on the menu. It's hard to decide.  
B: Please order \_\_\_\_\_ you want.

**Directions:** Complete the sentence. Change the question into a noun clause.

50. (*How often do you go to the gym?*)  
I would like to know \_\_\_\_\_.  
51. (*Where did she go after the lecture?*)  
I don't know \_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Make a sentence with the same meaning by using an infinitive.

52. The patient asked the doctor how often she could take the medicine.  
The patient \_\_\_\_\_.

53. The teacher gave us very clear directions for our essay. He told us how many words we should write, what type size we should use, and when we should turn it in.

The teacher gave us very clear directions for our essay. He \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

54. The director told the actors that they should rehearse their lines more before the performance.

The director \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Combine the sentences into one that contains a noun clause. Use *it* or *that* where necessary to make the noun clause.

55. Mischa needs to study harder. That is the truth.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Add punctuation and capitalization.

56. Ms. Bell said to the students please talk quietly in the library

**Directions:** Complete the sentence with an *-ever* word.

57. I will follow you \_\_\_\_\_ you go because I have no idea where we are, and I don't want to get lost.
58. You should buy \_\_\_\_\_ jacket you like because you're going to wear it, not me.
59. At the end of the semester, the art students can bring home \_\_\_\_\_ they made in class.
60. \_\_\_\_\_ correctly answers the most questions in 30 seconds will get a chance to win the \$25,000 prize.