

Practice Test: Clauses

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Underline the subordinate clause in each of the following sentences. (1 pt.)

Identify the clause as **ADJ**, **ADV**, or **Noun**. (1 pt.)

If the clause is used as an **adjective** or **adverb**, write the word it modifies. (1 pt.)

If the clause is used as a **noun**, indicate if it is the **SUBJ**, the **D.O.**, the **I.O.**, the **P.N.** or the **O.P.**

P.S. There are 5 sentences that have more than 1 subordinate clause.

**ADJ** Mecca 1. Mecca, which is the spiritual center of Islam, is visited by thousands of pilgrims each year.

**ADV** abandoned 2. The settlers abandoned their cabins before the first volcanoes erupted on the islands.

**ADJ** antibiotics 3. Many of the antibiotics that are used today are produced by living *Streptomyces*,

**ADJ** *Streptomyces* which have some of the characteristics of bacteria and some of the characteristics of molds.

**ADJ** S.Morse 4. Samuel Morse, who invented the telegraph, painted the portrait of President James Monroe hanging in the White House.

**ADV** used 5. Although the Japanese borrowed their writing system from the Chinese, they used it to write a completely different language.

**ADV** slow 6. Changes in the law are slow because changes in people's values are also slow.

**NOUN** D.O. 7. I learned that captains of ships cannot perform a marriage ceremony unless they are justices  
**ADV** perform of the peace or religious ministers

**ADV** paid 8. Whenever she spoke, everyone who knew her paid attention.

**ADJ** everyone

**ADV** soon 9. Soon after he had married a new wife, Henry VIII concluded that she was unsatisfactory.

**NOUN** D.O.

**NOUN** Subject 10. What the senator failed to realize cost him the election.

**NOUN** P.N. 11. The trouble was that the sparkplugs were stuck in one place.

**ADJ** teams 12. Little League baseball teams which refused to admit girls were ordered to change their policy.

**ADV** gain 13. Whenever a comet passes through the solar system and loses a little of its outermost layer, we gain materially.

**ADJ** Students 14. Students who want to learn are students who will succeed.

**ADJ** Students

**ADV** would take 15. If we read one book a day, it would still take us many years to read all of the books in the library.

Classify the following sentences according to its structure. Next to each sentence, write S for simple, CD for compound, CX for complex, CD-CX for compound-complex.

\_\_S\_\_ 1. Charles Drew did research on blood plasma and helped develop blood banks.

\_\_S\_\_ 2. The month of March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

\_\_CX\_\_ 3. After the advertisement appeared in the newspapers, (ADV) Dr. Scott declared that she would never change her mind. (NOUN=D.O. of declared)

CD-CX 4. When World War I ended in 1918, (ADV) almost everybody thought that there would be no more wars; (NOUN=D.O of thought) twenty-one years later, World War II began.

\_\_CD\_\_ 5. In his letter to Mrs. Bixby, Abraham Lincoln consoled her for the loss of several sons and he offered her his best wishes.

\_\_CX\_\_ 6. When the speaker saw that her audience was pleased, (ADV) she felt more at ease.

CD-CX 7. Those who want to have an otter for a pet must be prepared (P.A.) to have a playful, eccentric creature (INF), but some people simply aren't ready for the challenge.

\_\_CD\_\_ 8. The great English philosopher Thomas Hobbes aspired to be a mathematician, but he never fulfilled this career ambition.

CD-CX 9. It was generally believed that Queen Elizabeth's hair was red, (NOUN=D.O. of believed) but no one knew for sure because she always wore a wig. (ADV)

\_\_S\_\_ 10. Tiger Woods was considered (P.A./participle) by many of the people in the world of golf to be one (INF) of the best golfers in America.