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CLASS 20: CLAUSES [EXERCISES]

OBLIGATORY *that*-CLAUSES

1. Draw tree diagrams for the following sentences

- He told his mother that coffee grows in Brazil.
- My understanding is that coffee grows in Brazil.
- He is certain that coffee grows in Brazil.
- His claim that coffee grows in Brazil is correct.*

2. Bracket the *that*-clause in each of the following and identify its function (subject clause, subject predicate, direct object clause/clausal complement: of verb, adjective, noun/N').

- We are considering your complaint that you are underpaid.*
- That you don't speak French is a pity.
- My guess is that the case will be settled out of court.*
- It was hoped that the cease-fire would hold.
- She is confident that all will go well.*
- I know it's late to be calling.
- We are all happy he won't be able to attend.*
- The boss gave him the news he had been promoted.*
- Ari told Jacky that he would marry her next year.
- It is only reasonable that you should help*

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ADDING ADVERBIAL CLAUSES TO THE PICTURE

1. Provide tree diagrams for the following sentences.

- That Nestor made that mistake is rather worrying.
- It is rather unlikely that he will propose to her soon.*
- I hope they will visit me when I am in hospital.
- Claude thinks that Stan and Louise would make a nice couple.
- My brother said that the man became a millionaire before he reached the age of thirty.
- The manager locked the safe because he was concerned that someone might enter the office.
- Although the economy is improving, it is not clear that we will see growth this year.*
- His opinion is that you should take another course after you have completed this one.*
- Unfortunately, we can't have our picnic if it rains tomorrow.
- He said he knew before he had completed the deal that he would be cheated.
- It is obvious to everyone that he has been telling the prosecutors lies.*
- Can the absurd rumor that he will resign be true?*
- Did he tell the premier that he shouldn't be nervous about the disclosures?
- Could the professor have said that the essay by Swift was ironic?*
- He was upset by the announcement that the plane would be delayed.*

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- I will explain it to him that honest politicians are a rarity.
- Sherrill spread the news around the department that Sarah likes tofu.*
- The owner said that you should use extreme caution when approaching the dog.

NON-FINITE CLAUSES

1. Provide tree diagrams for the following sentences.

- We continued driving until dusk.
- By the time he is thirty, he wants to be running his own business.
- She is accused of having stolen the money.*
- Having been elected to office was the high point of his life.
- I was surprised at Virgil's having asked that question.*
- His being seen at the scene of the crime was used as evidence.*
- He is reluctant to be thought a fool.*
- We all heard Renée say that she was responsible.
- The exams seem to have disappeared.
- We considered this matter to have been settled years ago.
- He is afraid to strike out on his own.
- Removed from its context, that sentence is ambiguous.

2. Bracket the non-finite clause in each of the following and identify its function.

- They are reluctant for the news to be made public.*
- My parents have talked about going to Europe next summer.
- There are only two people to answer the phones today.*
- He asked me where to file the papers.*
- The children denied having broken the vase.
- His application to enter university arrived too late.*
- Exhausted by the long hike, she fell into bed.
- Judging from the response, we should continue the sale.
- She asked what made him join the army.*
- The treasure remained buried in the secret vault.
- Whose idea was it to give a party?*
- The heirs didn't know about the money hidden in the Swiss bank account.*
- Having been rear-ended by a truck, her car was totaled.
- Consumed by guilt, he confessed to the crime.
- Her hair blowing in the wind, she drove the convertible around the block.
- It is hard to know where to turn for advice.*

Further readings:

Just read the relevant pages in Brinton's book (see handouts for Classes 19 and 20).

Readings for next class:

📖 van Gelderen 2002: Ch. 9 (pp. 149-165)