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CLASS 20: CLAUSES [EXERCISES]

OBLIGATORY *that*-CLAUSES

1. Draw tree diagrams for the following sentences

- (a) He told his mother that coffee grows in Brazil.
- (b) My understanding is that coffee grows in Brazil.
- (c) He is certain that coffee grows in Brazil.
- (d) *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 V, A, N/N').

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

ADDING ADVERBIAL CLAUSES TO THE PICTURE

1. Provide tree diagrams for the following sentences.

- (a) That Nestor made that mistake is rather worrying.
- (b) It is rather unlikely that he will propose to her soon.
- (c) I hope they will visit me when I am in hospital.
- (d) Claude thinks that Stan and Louise would make a nice couple.
- (e) My brother said that the man became a millionaire before he reached the age of thirty.
- (f) *The boss locked the safe because he was concerned that someone might enter the office.*
- (g) Although the economy is improving, it is not clear that we will see growth this year.
- (h) His opinion is that you should take another course after you have completed this one.
- (i) Unfortunately, we can't have our picnic if it rains tomorrow.
- (j) *He said he knew before he had completed the deal that he would be cheated.*
- (k) It is obvious to everyone that he has been telling the prosecutors lies.
- (l) *Can the absurd rumor that he will resign be true?*
- (m) *Did he tell the premier that he shouldn't be nervous about the disclosures?*
- (n) *Could the professor have said that the essay by Swift was ironic?*
- (o) *He was upset by the announcement that the plane would be delayed.*
- (p) I will explain it to him that honest politicians are a rarity.
- (q) *Sherrill spread the news around the department that Sarah likes tofu.*
- (r) The owner said that you should use extreme caution when approaching the dog.

NON-FINITE CLAUSES

1. Provide tree diagrams for the following sentences.

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

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

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

THE STRUCTURE OF AdjP, AdvP, PP, NP IN CONTEXT

1. Provide tree diagrams for the following sentences.

- (a) John committed a severely punishable crime.
- (b) Prostitution is definitely highly illegal.
- (c) She completed her homework very rarely.
- (d) The mountaineer climbed right on top of that mountain.
- (e) I went to the beach straight from university.
- (f) That guy looks like he's straight out of jail.
- (g) My friend's brother really is stupid.
- (h) the English student of physics with long hair
- (i) the biology student from Germany with short hair
- (j) a very easy noun phrase from hell
- (k) wonderfully complicated phrases with a tiny and spicy twist
- (l) the destruction of the city in the middle ages
- (m) really clever and very dull people