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CLASS 21: SUBORDINATION & CONTENT CLAUSES

TYPES OF (SUBORDINATE) CLAUSES

- main clause vs subordinate clause
- content vs relative vs comparative
- finite vs non-finite distinction (later)

DECLARATIVE CONTENT CLAUSES

- finite declarative subordinator *that*
- declarative complement clauses
 - subject, extraposition, internal complement
- mandative construction
 - deontic modality, subjunctive (ambiguity)

INTERROGATIVE CONTENT CLAUSES

- closed interrogative subordinators *whether, if*
- open interrogatives
 - interrogative expressions: *wh*-words / *wh*-phrases
- interrogative complement clauses
 - subject, extraposition, internal complement (V, N, A, P)
- interrogative adjunct clauses
 - exhaustive conditional (variations), presupposition

EXCLAMATIVE CONTENT CLAUSES

- initial exclamative (*what-/how-*) phrase
 - no inversion in subordinate clauses
- (1) a. I told them *how very kind* you are.
b. I remember *what a shambles* it was.
- (limited) possibility of complement clauses
- (2) a. It's incredible *how much he wanted to charge*.
b. *What a bargain it was* hadn't struck me yet.
 - not always clearly distinct from open interrogatives!