



Section 1: Introduction

Introduction lesson

Lecture 1.1— Clauses: Basic Units of English Structure

Chapter 1: Chapter 1: Every Language Has Its Own Parameters

Chapter 2: What is a Clause?

Chapter 3: Chapter 3: “Linking” and “Embedding” Clauses to Form Sentences

Chapter 4: Clauses: Mini Summary

Assignment 1.1: Clauses: Basic Units of English Structure

Section 2: The Architecture of Sentences

Lecture 2.1—“Linking” and “Embedding” Clauses

Chapter 1: Recap: Clauses

Chapter 2: “Linking” and “Embedding”: a Conceptualization

Reference 2.1: “Linking” and “Embedding”: a Conceptualization

Assignment 2.1: Overview of Linking and Embedding Clauses

Lecture 2.2—Linking Clauses (1): Coordinating Conjunctions

Chapter 1: Recap: “Linking” and “Embedding” Clauses

Chapter 2: Linking: the Two Types of Conjunctions

Chapter 3: Coordinating Conjunctions: “And”, “But”, “Or”, “So”, “Yet”

Reference 2.2: Linking Clauses (1): Coordinating Conjunctions

Assignment 2.2: Linking Clauses (1): Coordinating Conjunctions

Lecture 2.3—Linking Clauses (2): Subordinating Conjunctions

Chapter 1: When Do We Use Subordinating Conjunctions?

Chapter 2: Topicalization of “Subordinate Clauses”

Chapter 3: Don’t Link Two Clauses with More Than One Conjunction!

Chapter 4: “Subordinate” vs. “Coordinate” Clauses

Chapter 5: a List of Subordinating Conjunctions

(Please see “**Extra Lecture: Section 6**” for a more in-depth explanation of the structural role of clauses linked by subordinating conjunctions)

Reference 2.3: Linking Clauses (2): Subordinating Conjunctions

Assignment 2.3: Linking Clauses (2): Subordinating Conjunctions

Lecture 2.4—Embedding Clauses (1): “That”-clauses and Embedded Questions

Chapter 1: Recap: “Embedding” vs. “Linking”

Chapter 2: the Types of Embedded Clauses

Chapter 3: Embedded Statements: “That”-clauses

Chapter 4: Verbs that Trigger “That”-clauses

Chapter 5: Embedded Questions

Reference 2.4: Embedding Clauses (1): “That”-clauses and Embedded Questions

Assignment 2.4: Embedding Clauses (1): “That”-clauses and Embedded Questions



Lecture 2.5—Embedding Clauses (2): Relative Clauses

Chapter 1: Recap: “That”-clauses and Embedded Questions

Chapter 2: Chapter 2: Relative Clauses are Adjectives

Chapter 3: Relative Pronouns: “Who”, “Whom”, “Which”, “That”, “Whose”

Chapter 4: the Internal Structure of Relative Clauses

Chapter 5: Relative Pronouns in Modifiers (e.g. “in Whom”, “Seeing Which”)

Reference 2.5: Embedding Clauses (2): Relative Clauses

Assignment 2.5: Embedding Clauses (2): Relative Clauses

Lecture 2.6—Embedding Clauses (3): Subject Clauses

Chapter 1: What are Subject Clauses?

Chapter 2: “That”: Subject Clause Marker

Chapter 3: Using Complete Statements as Subjects

Reference 2.6: Embedding Clauses (3): Subject Clauses

Lecture 2.7—Embedding Clauses (4): Other Noun Clauses

Chapter 1: Recap: Subject Clauses

Chapter 2: What are Noun Clauses?

Chapter 3: Difference from Relative Clauses

Chapter 4: the Internal Structure of Relative Clauses

Chapter 5: Nouns in the Outer Clause

Chapter 6: Singular or Plural?

Chapter 7: Examples of Different Roles

Chapter 8: Noun Clause Pronouns

Reference 2.7: Embedding Clauses (4): Other Noun Clauses

Lecture 2.8—Embedding Clauses (5): Adverb Clauses

Chapter 1: What are Adverb Clauses?

Chapter 2: Adverb Clause Pronouns

Chapter 3: Recap: Linking and Embedding Clauses

Reference 2.8: Embedding Clauses (5): Adverb Clauses

Assignment 2.6-8: Subject Clauses, Noun Clauses, and Adverb Clauses

Section 2 Test: The Architecture of Sentences

Section 3: The Elements of Clauses—The Subject

Lecture 3.1—The Subject Requirement

Chapter 1: Overview: the Internal Structure of a Clause

Chapter 2: the Subject is a Requirement

Chapter 3: the Grammatical Role of the Subject

Chapter 4: Chinese Sentences Do Not Require a Stated Subject

Reference 3.1: The Subject Requirement

Assignment 3.1: The Subject Requirement



Lecture 3.2—Noun Phrase Subjects

Chapter 1: *Recap: the Subject Requirement*

Chapter 2: *Subjects are Usually (But Not Always) Noun Phrases*

Chapter 3: *Noun Markers*

Chapter 4: *the Core Noun in a Noun Phrase*

Chapter 5: *Personal Pronouns as Subjects*

Chapter 6: *Indefinite Pronouns as Subjects*

Chapter 7: *Gerund Subjects: Noun Phrases Derived from Verbs*

Reference 3.2: *Noun Phrase Subjects*

Assignment 3.2: *Noun Phrase Subjects*

Lecture 3.3—Subject Clauses

Chapter 1: *Recap: Noun Phrase Subjects*

Chapter 2: *Subject Clauses: “That”-clauses or Noun Clauses*

Chapter 3: *“That”-clauses as Subjects*

Chapter 4: *Noun Clauses as Subjects*

Chapter 5: *Singular or Plural?*

Reference 3.3: *Subject Clauses*

Assignment 3.3: *Subject Clauses*

Lecture 3.4—Infinitive Phrase Subjects

Chapter 1: *What are Infinitive Phrase Subjects?*

Chapter 2: *Infinitive Marker “to” (NOT Preposition “to”!)*

Chapter 3: *Adding Objects and Modifiers to an Infinitive Phrase Subject*

Chapter 4: *Mini Summary (Infinitive Phrase Subjects)*

Reference 3.4: *Infinitive Phrase Subjects*

Assignment 3.4: *Infinitive Phrase Subjects*

Lecture 3.5—Expletive Subjects “It” and “There”

Chapter 1: *What are Expletive Subjects?*

Chapter 2: *Why Do We Need Expletive Subjects?*

Chapter 3: *Using “It” to Stand in for Subject Clauses*

Chapter 4: *Using “It” to Stand in for Question Clauses*

Chapter 5: *Expletive “There”*

Reference 3.5: *Expletive Subjects “It” and “There”*

Assignment 3.5: *Expletive Subjects “It” and “There”*

Section 3 Test: *The Elements of Clauses—The Subject*

Section 4: The Elements of Clauses—The Finite Verb

Lecture 4.1—What is a “Finite” Verb?

- Chapter 1:** *What is a Finite Verb?*
- Chapter 2:** *Tense and Aspect: an Overview*
- Chapter 3:** *Voice: an Overview*
- Chapter 4:** *Mood: an Overview*
- Chapter 5:** *Mood: Subjunctive*
- Chapter 6:** *Modal Verbs: an Overview*
- Chapter 7:** *Non-finite Verbs: Participles, Infinitives, Gerunds*
- Chapter 8:** *Auxiliary Verbs*
- Chapter 9:** *Subject-verb Agreement (Again!)*

Reference 4.1: *What is a “Finite” Verb?*

Assignment 4.1: *What is a “Finite” Verb?*

Lecture 4.2—Tense and Aspect

- Chapter 1:** *Tense and Aspect: 12 Combinations*
- Chapter 2:** *Verb Forms*
- Chapter 3:** *a Closer Look at Tense and Aspect*
- Chapter 4:** *Simple Aspect: Simple x Present*
- Chapter 5:** *Recap: Auxiliary Verbs*
- Chapter 6:** *Back to Simple x Present: Negation with “Do”*
- Chapter 7:** *Simple x Present: Usage*
- Chapter 8:** *Simple x Past*
- Chapter 9:** *Simple x Future*
- Chapter 10:** *Present x Progressive*
- Chapter 11:** *Past x Progressive*
- Chapter 12:** *Future x Progressive*
- Chapter 13:** *Present x Perfect*
- Chapter 14:** *Past x Perfect*
- Chapter 15:** *Future x Perfect*
- Chapter 16:** *Present x Perfect Progressive*
- Chapter 17:** *Past x Perfect Progressive*
- Chapter 18:** *Future x Perfect progressive*
- Chapter 19:** *Verb Forms First; Usage Second*

Reference 4.2: *Tense and Aspect*

Assignment 4.2: *Tense and Aspect*

Lecture 4.3—Voice

- Chapter 1:** *The Relationship Between Subject and Finite Verb*
- Chapter 2:** *Verb forms: Active and Passive Voice*
- Chapter 3:** *Simple Aspect: Passive Voice*
- Chapter 4:** *Progressive Aspect: Passive Voice*
- Chapter 5:** *Perfect Aspect: Passive Voice*
- Chapter 6:** *Perfect Progressive Aspect: Generally Not Used in Passive Voice*
- Chapter 7:** *Summary of All Passive Verb Forms*
- Chapter 8:** *Only Transitive Verbs Can Be in Passive Voice*
- Chapter 9:** *Finite Verbs Show Tense, Aspect, and Voice*

Reference 4.3: *Voice*

Assignment 4.3: *Voice*



Lecture 4.4—Mood

Chapter 1: *the Fourth “Limit” of Finite Verbs*

Chapter 2: *Indicative Mood*

Chapter 3: *Interrogative Mood: Independent Questions*

Chapter 4: *Interrogative Mood: Embedded Questions*

Chapter 5: *Imperative Mood*

Chapter 6: *Subjunctive Mood: a Closer Look*

Chapter 7: *“Conditional” Meanings are Not Always Expressed by Subjunctive*

Chapter 8: *When Do We Use the Subjunctive Mood?*

Chapter 9: *Subjunctive Verbs in Simple Aspect*

Chapter 10: *Subjunctive Verbs in Perfect Aspect*

Chapter 11: *Subjunctive Verbs in Progressive and Perfect Progressive Aspects*

Chapter 12: *Recap: Simple Subjunctive vs. Perfect Subjunctive*

Chapter 13: *Subjunctive Verbs in Passive Voice*

Chapter 14: *Auxiliary Inversion in Subjunctive Verbs*

Chapter 15: *The “Other” Subjunctive Mood Used in Expressing Requests*

Reference 4.4: *Mood*

Assignment 4.4: *Mood*

Lecture 4.5—Modal Verbs

Chapter 1: *Modal Verbs are Special*

Chapter 2: *Modal Verbs: Always Auxiliary Verbs*

Chapter 3: *Modality: an Extra Layer of Meaning*

Chapter 4: *Modal Verbs + Infinitives without “to”*

Chapter 5: *Modal Finite Verb Forms: Different Aspects x Active Voice*

Chapter 6: *Modal Finite Verb Forms: Different Aspects x Passive Voice*

Chapter 7: *Recap: All Modal Finite Verb Forms*

Chapter 8: *Forming Questions with Modal Finite Verbs*

Chapter 9: *the Modality of “Can”*

Chapter 10: *the Modality of “Could”*

Chapter 11: *the Modality of “May” and “Might”*

Chapter 12: *the Modality of “Will” and “Would”*

Chapter 13: *the Modality of “Shall” and “Should”*

Chapter 14: *the Modality of “Must”*

Chapter 15: *“Half-modal” Verbs*

Chapter 16: *Modal Verbs Cannot be in Imperative Mood*

Chapter 17: *Replacements for Modal Verbs (When Tense is Needed)*

Reference 4.5: *Modal Verbs*

Assignment 4.5: *Modal Verbs*

Section 4 Test: *The Elements of Clauses—The Finite Verb*



Section 5: The Elements of Clauses—The Object(s)

Lecture 5.1—an Overview of Objects

Chapter 1: *The Grammatical Role of Objects*

Chapter 2: *Both Finite and Non-finite Verbs Can Have Objects*

Chapter 3: *Objects of the Finite Verb: Independent Objects in a Clause*

Chapter 4: *One Direct Object, One Indirect Object*

Chapter 5: *Direct Object: an Overview*

Chapter 6: *Only Transitive Verbs Have Direct Objects*

Chapter 7: *Indirect Object: an Overview*

Chapter 8: *Only One Direct and One Indirect Object per Verb*

Chapter 9: *More on Passive Versions of Clauses with Objects*

Chapter 10: *Objects are Determined by the Verb*

Reference 5.1: *An Overview of Objects*

Assignment 5.1: *An Overview of Objects*

Lecture 5.2—the Direct Object

Chapter 1: *Recap: Grammatical Objects*

Chapter 2: *the Number and Type of Objects are Determined by the Verb*

Chapter 3: *Transitive Verbs Never Have Prepositions after Them*

Chapter 4: *Direct Object: Word Order*

Chapter 5: *Direct Objects: Noun Phrases, Pronouns, or Noun Clauses*

Chapter 6: *Recap: Objects of Finite vs Non-finite Verbs*

(Extra) Chapter 7 : *"Phrasal" Verbs: Transitive or Intransitive?*

Reference 5.2: *The Direct Object*

Assignment 5.2: *The Direct Object*

Lecture 5.3—The Indirect Object

Chapter 1: *Indirect Object: a Closer Look*

Chapter 2: *Indirect Object of the Finite Verb*

Chapter 3: *Indirect Object: Role and Word Order*

Chapter 4: *Using Prepositions “to” and “for” to Express Indirect Relationships*

Chapter 5: *Indirect Objects: Noun Phrases, Pronouns, or Noun Clauses*

Reference 5.3: *The Indirect Object*

Assignment 5.3: *The Indirect Object*

Section 5 Test: *The Elements of Clauses—The Object(s)*

Section 6: The Elements of Clauses—Modifiers

Lecture 6.1—an Overview of Modifiers

Chapter 1: *What are Modifiers?*

Chapter 2: *a Clause Can Have Any Number of Modifiers*

Chapter 3: *Modifiers: Adjectives and Adverbs*

Chapter 4: *Modifiers: Word Order and “Topicalization”*

Chapter 5: *Modifiers within Modifiers*

Chapter 6: *Modifiers: Not Just Single Words*

Chapter 7: *Types of Modifiers: an Overview*

Reference 6.1: *An Overview of Modifiers*

Assignment 6.1: *An Overview of Modifiers*

Lecture 6.2—Single-word Modifiers + Special Time Adverbs

Chapter 1: *Recap: What are Modifiers?*

Chapter 2: *Single-word Adjectives and Adverbs: Straight from the Dictionary*

Chapter 3: *Single-word Predicate Adjectives*

Chapter 4: *Single-word Attributive Adjectives (with Noun Phrases)*

Chapter 5: *Topicalization of Single-word Adjectives (Not Common)*

Chapter 6: *Topicalization of Single-word Adjectives of Pronouns*

Chapter 7: *Single-word Adverbs: Two Broad Types*

Chapter 8: *Core Sentence Adverbs*

Chapter 9: *Adverbs from Adjectives*

Chapter 10: *Adverbs Modifying Other Modifiers*

Chapter 11: *Comparative and Superlative Forms*

Chapter 12: *Things to Note When Expressing Comparative Meanings*

Chapter 13: *Special Time Adverbs*

(Extra) Chapter 14: *Verbs Expressing Special Meanings with Specific Single-word Adverbs*

Reference 6.2: *Single-word Modifiers + Special Time Adverbs*

Assignment 6.2: *Single-word Modifiers + Special Time Adverbs*

Lecture 6.3—Prepositional Phrases

Chapter 1: *Single-word Modifiers vs. Prepositional Phrases*

Chapter 2: *Internal Structure of Prepositional Phrases*

Chapter 3: *Noun Phrases after Prepositions*

Chapter 4: *Independent Adverbs + Topicalization*

Chapter 5: *Prepositional Phrases as Adjectives*

Chapter 6: *Topicalization of Prepositional Adjectives of the Subject*

Chapter 7: *Prepositional Phrases within Other Modifiers*

Chapter 8: *Overview of All Prepositions*

Chapter 9: *Intransitive Verbs with Prepositions*

Chapter 10: *Transitive Verbs with Prepositions*

Chapter 11: *“After”, “Before”, “Since”, “Until”: Prepositions vs. Conjunctions*

Chapter 12: *“to”: Preposition vs. Infinitive Marker*

(Extra) Chapter 13: *Verbs Expressing Special Meanings with Specific Prepositional Phrases*

Reference 6.3: *Prepositional Phrases*

Assignment 6.3: *Prepositional Phrases (+ extra assignment on “phrasal” verbs)*



Lecture 6.4—Participial Phrases

Chapter 1: *Participles (Non-finite Verbs) and Participial Phrases*

Chapter 2: *Present vs. Past Participles: Forms*

Chapter 3: *Participial Phrases as Adjectives*

Chapter 4: *Participial Phrases as Adverbs*

Chapter 5: *Present Participle Phrases*

Chapter 6: *Past Participle Phrases*

Chapter 7: *Present vs. Past Participle Phrases*

Chapter 8: *Verbs Complemented by Participial Phrases*

Chapter 9: *Topicalization: Why Do We Do It?*

Chapter 10: *“If Found, Call This Number”*

Chapter 11: *Other Aspects and Voices*

Reference 6.4: *Participial Phrases*

Assignment 6.4: *Participial Phrases*

Lecture 6.5—Infinitive Phrases

Chapter 1: *Infinitive Marker “to”*

Chapter 2: *Objects Inside Infinitive Phrases*

Chapter 3: *Modal + Infinitive vs. Infinitive Phrase*

Chapter 4: *Verbs Complemented by Infinitive Phrases*

Chapter 5: *Intransitive Verbs Complemented by Infinitive Phrases*

Chapter 6: *Transitive Verbs Complemented by Infinitive Phrases*

Chapter 7: *Other Verbs Complemented by Infinitive Phrases*

Chapter 8: *Using Infinitive Phrases to Express Purpose*

Chapter 9: *Infinitive Phrases as Adverbs: When Can We Topicalize?*

Chapter 10: *Infinitive Phrases as Adjectives*

Chapter 11: *Confusing Point: Infinitive Phrases Can Be Subjects*

Chapter 12: *Infinitive Phrases vs. “That”-clauses*

Chapter 13: *Other Aspects and Voices*

Chapter 14: *Transitive Causative Verbs/Verbs of Perception + Object + Infinitive Phrase without “to”*

Reference 6.5: *Infinitive Phrases*

Assignment 6.5: *Infinitive Phrases*

Lecture 6.6—Relative Clauses (Extension)

Chapter 1: *Relative Clauses: an Extension*

Chapter 2: *Relative Clauses vs. Other Adjectives*

Chapter 3: *Recap: What is “Relative”?*

Chapter 4: *The Relative Pronoun Plays Two Roles*

Chapter 5: *Recap: What are the Relative Pronouns?*

Chapter 6: *Recap: Different Roles of Relative Pronouns in Relative Clauses*

Chapter 7: *Relative Adverbs*

Chapter 8: *Restrictive vs. Non-restrictive Relative Clauses*

Reference 6.6: *Relative Clauses (Extension)*

Assignment 6.6: *Relative Clauses (Extension)*

Extra Lecture—Clarification: *Clauses “Linked” by Subordinating Conjunctions (L2.3) are Actually Embedded Modifier Clauses*

Extra Lecture: Reference and Assignment: *Clarifying the Structural Role of Clauses Linked by Subordinating Conjunctions*

Section 6 Test: *The Elements of Clauses—Modifiers*



Section 7: Summary

Lecture 7.1—Putting It All Together

Chapter 1: *Recap: Linking and Embedding Clauses*

Chapter 2: *Recap: the Elements of a Clause*

Chapter 3: *Breaking Down Sentences with This Framework*

Chapter 4: *a Harder Example*

Chapter 5: *Building Sentences*

Reference 7.1: *Putting It All Together*

Assignment 7.1: *Putting It All Together*

Final Test