Noun Clauses And Phrases: Complements

## FOCUSED PRACTICE



This is a picture of the Brands' living room. Study the picture and then write eight sentences about it, each containing a noun clause functioning as a complement. Use the indicated prompts.



- It's obvious that the Brands enjoy being with each other. (It's obvious that . . .)
- 2. It appears that Brands like pets. (It appears that . . .)
- 3. It appears that Brands enjoy music.
  (It appears that ...)
- 4. It's clear that the Brands like art.
- 5. It's apparent that the Brands like reading book.

  (It's apparent that ...)
- 6. It's possible that the Brands like plants and flowers.

  (It's possible that ...)
- 7. It's evident that the Brands enjoy painting.

  (It's evident that ...)
- 8. It's likely that the Brands are very busy.

  (It's likely that ...)



Unit 5

## **PROVERBS**

Read the following proverbs. Write paraphrases of the proverbs by using the cues to write sentences in the form It is + adjective + noun clause with that. Then match the paraphrases to the proverbs by putting the correct letter before each paraphrase.

- a. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
- b. A stitch in time saves nine.
- c. Rome wasn't built in a day.
- d. The early bird gets the worm. -> color to lies
- e. Children should be seen and not heard.
- الم مقدم الله من معدم الله مقدم الله f. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. ->
- g. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. > مراه مراه المراه خواه و مراه المراه خواه و المراه خواه و المراه خواه و المراه المراع المراه المراع
- h. Don't put the cart before the horse.
- i. Don't cry over spilt milk.
- j. There's no use putting a lock on the barn door after the horse has been stolen.
- It is advisable that children be seen and not heard. advisable / children / be / see / and not / hear
- 2. C It's necessary that time be taken to do a job right necessary time be take to do a job right
- 3. I This advisable that a not criticize there because you have faults advisable you not criticize there because you have faults, too
- 4. h It's essential that things be done in the right order.

  essential things be do in the right order.
- 5. b It's advisable that problems be taken care of before they get worse advisable problems be take care of before they get worse
- 6. i It's important that you not be upset over what already happened important you not be upset over what already happened
- 7. E It's desirable that a person stick with the or she already has rather than going after other things
- 8. a It's vital that a person enjoy life as well as work vital a person enjoy life as well as work
- 9. d It's essential that a person get an early start to beat the competition
- 10. y It's necessary that precoutions he taken before there's a trouble necessary precautions be taken before there is trouble



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## 3 EDITING

For an English class assignment, a student wrote a composition comparing two high school classes. Find and correct the ten errors involving noun clauses and phrases.

## Night and Day

I'm in college now, and the other day I got into a discussion about whether was + satisfied with my high school education and whether high school had been a happy time for me. I thought about it for a while and then remembered two classes I took in my senior year that typify my feelings about high school. The two classes were ancient history and Spanish. My motivations for signing up for these two were quite different.

= not important

= do sthe easily
I enrolled in history because it was reputed to be a "Mickey Mouse" course that anyone could breeze through.

I took Spanish only because it was a requirement. The two classes were as different as night and day.

The history class was taught by Mr. Bolt, the soccer coach. From the start of the semester, it was obvious that the class was going to be a total waste of time. Mr. Bolt made it clear right away that the soccer players going to be his special pets. Just about all we ever did was watch him diagram soccer plays on the chalkboard and listen to him tell stupid jokes. To pass the course, there were only two things that were necessary for you do. One was that you were there every day to laugh at his jokes. The other was that you turn in a take-home midterm and final exam that you mostly copied out of the textbook. At first I was happy in ancient history because I wanted to slide through the class without doing much work. I wasn't learning anything eventually the fact that

Mrs. Arellano's Spanish class was 180 degrees away from Mr. Bolt's class. Starting on the first day, Mrs. Arellano made it clear that we be there to learn Spanish. I can still remember what she told us: "If students them = oby are going to learn Spanish, or any language, it's absolutely essential for they to speak it. We're going to be doing a lot of speaking in this class." Well, we did speak. We also read, wrote, listened to Spanish music, learned the geography of the Spanish-speaking countries, and even taught our own mini-lessons. The class was hard, and at first some of the students didn't like Mrs. Arellano kept us active for the whole fifty minutes every day. But by the end of the year, most of us could carry on a decent conversation in Spanish.

I didn't think I'd like Spanish very much, but I did. I'm happy that I took Mrs. Arellano's class, and I'm not that I took Hat I took Hat really very happy to take Mr. Bolt's. It's obvious for schools for need more teachers like Mrs. Arellano.



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### **COMMUNICATION PRACTICE**



Look at these statements. Then listen to the conversation.

1. It's obvious that this conversation

It's obvious that this conversation is taking place in resturant.

2. It's evident that Mike is going to

It's evident that Mike is going to ask Carol to morry him.

3. Mike is sure

Mike is sure that Carol is going to accept proposal.

4. It's clear that Mike

It's clear that Mike is going to change his small little house.

5. It appears that Carol didn't

It appears that Carol didn't accept Mike to propose marriage

6. It's clear that Carol doesn't

It's clear that Carol doesn't love Mike as much as he loves her.

7. It's likely that Mike and Carol

It's likely that Mike and Carol world get married at least for a while.



Now listen again. Complete each statement.



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# 5 WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

### Part A

Write four sentences about things that make you happy. In each sentence, use a noun phrase that contains an adjective of urgency, necessity, or advice (important, necessary, essential, crucial, and the like).

#### **EXAMPLE:**

It's important for me to have an interesting job.

#### Part B

Now write four sentences about things that make someone you know happy—your spouse, a parent, a friend, a sibling, and the like. In each sentence, use a noun clause that contains an adjective of urgency, necessity, or advice.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

It's essential that my brother have a lot of friends.

#### Part C

Share your answers with the class. Do a class tabulation about the things that seem to be necessary to make class members happy.

