

23 IDENTIFYING INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

Section 9C, *Essentials of English*

In the following sentences identify the independent clauses by enclosing them in parentheses.

EXAMPLE:

(He invested the money) that he earned.

1. (He is the man) who spoke to me.
2. (The director scolded) and (the actors sulked.)
3. (During the seventeenth century, many actors achieved great fame) but (they were not considered respectable members of society.)
4. When you plan a garden, (you must take into account the annual temperature range in your area.)
5. (Everyone knows) that the rate of development of humans is abnormally slow in comparison to that of other animals.
6. (Eugenics is not a branch of natural science) (it is a branch of social science.)
7. (Many animals can show that they are hungry) but (only humans can ask for bread or an egg.)
8. Since evolution has a large number of blind alleys, (it is like a maze with many wrong turnings.)
9. (The scientific method refuses to ask questions) that cannot be answered.
10. Although he was not a member of the association, (he attended many of its meetings.)
11. Because the city is reorganizing its housing agencies, (the city manager has not yet selected the agency to handle the loan fund.)
12. (They felt) that a sidewalk café would not be self-supporting.

13. (The silver dollar is favored on the West Coast) but (few of them appear elsewhere.)
14. Because they feared the effects of a strike on helpless patients, (hospitals long refused to accept unions and collective bargaining)
15. (Mozart) who was a musical genius and a child prodigy, (died young.)
16. (It has been said) and (the point appears in this article) that the rapidly expanding economy will soon exhaust the labor pool.
17. Using his concept of the devil as a stick for beating everything he disapproves of in the modern world, (he shows himself to be a reactionary in the most formal sense of the term.)
18. Where there is marriage without love, (there will be love without marriage.)
19. (Who is so deaf) as he who will not hear?
20. (She thinks) that a liberal is a bad person who is full of evil motives.
21. When evening comes, (the townspeople pull the shutters down over their shop windows and return to their homes)
22. (We hoped) that our guests would not arrive until we had completed our preparations for dinner.
23. If everybody did exactly as he or she pleased at all times, (there would be more trouble in the world than there is now.)
24. (Jonathan Edwards) who was an outstanding Puritan preacher, (was an intellectual) who devoted most of his great mental ability to the analysis and attempted solution of religious problems.
25. (He did not try to avoid issues) that were unpopular or difficult to cope with.