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An adjective clause modifies a noun or pronoun. The adjective clause is introduced by a signal word. The adjective clause signal words are who, which, what, that, whose, whom, and sometimes when and where.

Example: Sally made a mistake, which could be corrected.

<u>Directions</u>: In the sentences below, underline with one line the adjective clause and with two lines the word it modifies.

- 1. Corey and Milas attended the class, which meets on Thursday.
- 2. Here are the students who want help with calculus.
- 3. Alexis is the student who called the class meeting.
- 4. It is the last examination that I must take.
- 5. Smithy wrote the poem that won first place.
- 6. The students chose the instructors that they wanted for their classes.
- 7. The group selected the student who wrote the class song.
- 8. The rose is the flower which was selected.
- 9. This is the time that was set for the meeting.
- 10. I read the letter that I received from my brother.
- 11. It was the largest class that the school had ever graduated.
- 12. Katrina and Latoya had important duties which they handled very well.

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<u>Directions</u>: Combine the pairs of sentences by changing the underlined sentence to an adjective clause.

1. A wren was trying to build a nest. It had been injured.

2. The structure can be seen for miles. It stands on a mountain.
3. The realtor has one house. <u>It is very large</u> .
4. This is the building. <u>I go to school</u> .
5. Aunt Judy is my father's sister. She visits us in June.

Adjective Clauses—Practice Sentences

An adjective clause is one which modifies a noun or pronoun.

The relative pronouns who, which, and that attach adjective clauses to their antecedents.

<u>Directions</u>: In the following sentences, draw one line under each adjective clause and two lines under the noun or pronoun which it modifies. Be careful because some of the sentences may not contain an adjective clause.

- 1. Mr. Brown is the man who bought the house.
- 2. This book, which was written by Charles Dickens, is very popular.
- 3. This is the car that was wrecked.
- 4. There wasn't much we could see.
- 5. This is the time which was set for the speech to be made.
- 6. Where is the girl who was standing beside you?
- 7. Do you remember the name of the man whom you met?
- 8. This the plan which was suggested by Helen.
- 9. She is the one who originated the idea.

- 10. This is a monument that was built in honor of a great hero.
- 11. He was a man whose name was very well known.
- 12. This is a state where cotton is grown.
- 13. The time when graduation exercises will be held is almost here.
- 14. He was a man who had great ambitions.
- 15. He was, also, a man whose ambitions were realized.
- 16. I do not know the city which they have named.
- 17. It is located in a state that is far from here.
- 18. The man whom they named is a noted explorer.
- 19. There are few lands that he has not traveled.
- 20. Jane, who is the class president, will arrange for the picnic.
- 21. The weather that followed the thunderstorm was cool.
- 22. The storm, which was accompanied by thunder and lighting, lasted an hour.
- 23. I read the letter that I received from my friend.
- 24. I enjoy reading letters which are interesting.