

Chapter 12 Supplemental Answers: Adjectivals: Clauses

Exercise 12.1

Find the adjective clauses in the following sentences.

1. No one today is purely one thing. Labels like Indian, or woman, or Muslim, or American are no more than starting points, which if followed into actual experience for one moment are quickly left behind. –Edward Said
2. Lucifer has also died with God, and from his ashes has arisen a spiteful demon who does not even understand the object of his venture. –Albert Camus
3. They had both noticed that a life of dissipation sometimes gave to a face the look of gaunt suffering spirituality that a life of asceticism was supposed to give and quite often did not. –Katherine Anne Porter
4. I saw no reason why childhood shouldn't last forever. I wanted everyone to retain the grace of a child and not to have to become stilted, confined, ugly beings. So I created clothes that worked and moved and allowed people to run, to jump, to leap, to retain their precious freedom. –Mary Quant
5. A task becomes a duty from the moment you suspect it to be an essential part of that integrity which alone entitles a man to assume responsibility. –Dag Hammarskjöld

Exercise 12.2

Find the relative clauses in the following sentences and note the relative adverbs.

1. Alcohol doesn't console, it doesn't fill up anyone's psychological gaps, all it replaces is the lack of God. It doesn't comfort men. On the contrary it encourages him in his folly, it transports him to the supreme regions where he is master of his own destiny.
–Marguerite Duras

2. No place on earth do I love more sincerely

Than old Virginy, the state where I was born. –James Bland

3. When you are very old, and sit in the candle-light at evening spinning by the fire, you

will say, as you murmur my verses, a wonder in your eyes, "Ronsard sang of me in the days when I was fair." –Pierre de Ronsard

4. That's why politics is such a sad thing. It's sad any way [that] you play it. Sadder than

war even. Because you get tied up in the procedure and think up reasons why you should have kindness and love. –John Hearne

5. I have been dragged against my will to the fatal period when old age must be

endured; I see it, I have attained it; and I would, at least, contrive not to go beyond it, not to advance in the road of infirmities, pain, loss of memory, disfigurements, which are ready to lay hold of me. –Marie de Sévigné

Exercise 12.3

Find the restrictive and non-restrictive relative clauses in the following sentences.

(Clauses other than adjective may be in the sentences.)

1. The surest defense against Evil is extreme individualism, originality of thinking, whimsicality, even—if you will—eccentricity. That is, something that can't be feigned, faked, imitated; something even a seasoned impostor couldn't be happy with.¹ –Joseph Brodsky
2. Being is a fiction invented by those who suffer from becoming. –Coleman Dowell
3. Man is the only animal for whom his own existence is a problem which he has to solve.—Erich Fromm

¹ The relative pronoun has been deleted: [that] even a seasoned impostor couldn't be happy with.

4. Ghetto humor is the social twin of fantasy; together they sustain the powerless, who accomplish miracles through illusion. –Sheila Ballantyne
5. Our nation, which is now the greatest power in the world, has an obligation to pursue human justice.