

Adjective Clauses

☞ An **adjective clause** is a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or a pronoun. It answers the adjective question Which one? or What kind? It usually modifies the word directly preceding it. Most adjective clauses begin with a **relative pronoun**. A relative pronoun relates an adjective clause to the noun or pronoun that the clause modifies. *Who, whose, which, and that* are relative pronouns.

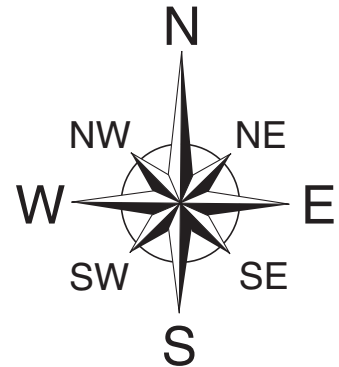
Example: The coat **that I bought** was on sale.

noun adjective clause

✎ Practice

A. Underline the adjective clause in each sentence below.

1. A compass has a needle that always points northward.
2. A seismograph is an instrument that measures earthquake tremors.
3. People who work in science laboratories today have a broad field of study.
4. This will be the first time that she has played in that position.
5. Jay is the person whose wrist was broken.
6. The fish that I caught was large.
7. A sentence that contains a subordinate clause is a complex sentence.
8. Here is the photograph that I promised to show you.
9. The book that I read was very humorous.



B. Add an adjective clause to each independent clause below.

1. A microscope is an instrument (that) _____

2. Amelia Earhart was a pilot (who) _____

3. We have football players (who) _____

4. They built a helicopter (which) _____

5. Bunny is a dog (that) _____

6. A telescope is an instrument (that) _____

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Answer Key

A.

1. that always points northward
 2. that measures earthquake tremors
 3. who work in science laboratories today
 4. that she has played in that position
 5. whose wrist was broken
 6. that I caught
 7. that contains a subordinate clause
 8. that I promised to show you
 9. that I read
- B. Sentences will vary.

