

Phrase and Clause Worksheet 5

Identify the main subjects and main verbs in the following sentences:

- 1) Before night fell, <sup>S</sup>we <sup>V</sup>played kickball in the gathering darkness, hearing my mother call us home for dinner.
- 2) <sup>S</sup>Dad <sup>V</sup>built the railing on the front porch, which is why it is weak.
- 3) Every December, <sup>S</sup>John <sup>V</sup>wished he was the only child in the family.
- 4) On Thanksgiving day, <sup>S</sup>we <sup>V</sup>did nothing except eat and watch TV <sup>S</sup>(it's my favorite day of the year).
- 5) All the <sup>S</sup>guests on the cruise <sup>V</sup>were happy for the bride and groom except for the groom's brother, who wished he was the one getting married.
- 6) Reading by himself, <sup>S</sup>John <sup>V</sup>made it clear to the others that he wanted to be left alone.
- 7) When one is drawing people, <sup>S</sup>one <sup>V</sup>must <sup>V</sup>always <sup>V</sup>remember to stay realistic.

Identify the independent and subordinate clauses in the following sentences:

- 1) I will help you with your chemistry whenever you ask
- 2) The sun never shines on days when I can enjoy it.
- 3) We scolded the puppy that chewed up the shoes.
- 4) Parched beyond belief, I crawled across the desert floor, looking for water.
- 5) The litmus paper will change to another color if the solution is acidic.
- 6) Jorge Dentuso, my dentist, is a very rich man because his clients have very bad teeth.

Phrase and Clause Worksheet 6

Identify the underlined word groups as phrases (p), subordinate clauses (s), or independent clauses (i):

1. On his way<sup>P</sup> to the store, Joseph ran into his next-door neighbor Mary, who ran<sup>S</sup> the Toughest Race in Texas last week.
2. Did you<sup>I</sup> know that doves and pigeons<sup>S</sup> are the same birds?
3. The plumeria<sup>I</sup> is an amazing flower that is both fragrant and colorful; they are native to Hawaii, and they are often<sup>I</sup> used to make leis.
4. People should not get married until they have<sup>S</sup> lived on their own for at least a year.
5. Choosing a paint color is a difficult process because there are many different<sup>S</sup> shades of the same colors, and choosing between<sup>I</sup> "basque green" and "palmetto green" is no easy task.
6. Whatever you do after school<sup>S</sup> today is no business of mine.
7. In medieval England,<sup>P</sup> women were the ones<sup>I</sup> in charge of brewing the beer since they could manage such work out of their own homes.
8. During the opening scenes of the play,<sup>P</sup> my friend began to feel ill, so she left to get some fresh air.
9. Goa is an old Portuguese colony<sup>I</sup> in India and is situated on the western coast; it is a very popular tourist destination for both Indians<sup>P</sup> and foreigners.
10. Unable to count to one hundred,<sup>P</sup> my little cousin was only good at math if he had his calculator.
11. My father, a horrible driver,<sup>P</sup> has had at least on accident a year.
12. Sally Struthers, who was a television actress in the 1970's,<sup>S</sup> has spent many decades supporting the plight of orphans around the world.
13. Avocados are an excellent source of fat,<sup>I</sup> and everybody needs fats in their diets, especially athletes.

## Phrase and Clause Worksheet 7

Identify the underlined word groups as either phrases, independent clauses, or subordinate clauses.

1) <sup>P</sup>Walking ever so slowly, Jonathon finally found his treasured watch.

2) <sup>I</sup>Jill decided to run all the way to school.

3) Making paper airplanes is a fun, but often distracting activity.

4) <sup>S</sup>Before the sun set, George finished cleaning the barn.

5) Once every hundred years, the century plant, <sup>P</sup>a spiny cactus, blooms a beautiful flower.

6) I drove home very slowly <sup>S</sup>because the rain was beginning to turn to ice.

7) Karen, <sup>P</sup>having studied hard and completed all her homework, did very well on her history test.

8) Spanish is perhaps the most helpful second language an English-speaking Texan can learn when he or she chooses a foreign language.

9) <sup>P</sup>One of only three in existence today, <sup>S</sup>this Shakespeare manuscript remains in the possession of the British Library.

10) <sup>P</sup>Fitting the definition of a gothic novel, *Frankenstein* has both a monster and a beautiful woman.

Phrase and Clause Worksheet 8

Identify the main subjects and main verbs in the following sentences, and identify the underlined word groups as subordinate clauses, independent clauses, or phrases.

1) <sup>S</sup> As he marched down the street, <sup>S</sup> Bob <sup>V</sup> held his head high and closed his eyes.

2) <sup>S</sup> The park ranger, <sup>S</sup> who came from Alaska, <sup>V</sup> had a difficult time with the Texas heat.

3) <sup>S</sup> Daisy <sup>V</sup> decided to take the train <sup>S</sup> because she wanted to see the sights.

4) <sup>P</sup> Pedaling furiously, <sup>S</sup> Johnny Hackett <sup>V</sup> sped off in pursuit of the man who stole his aunt's flowered hat.

5) <sup>S</sup> The alligator, <sup>P</sup> snapping at the air like a pair of scissors, <sup>V</sup> was the most terrifying sight as we crossed the swamp.

6) <sup>S</sup> Clowns <sup>V</sup> are often disregarded by children, <sup>P</sup> ignored due to their ultimate strangeness.

7) While George dawdled over his Big Mac, <sup>S</sup> his coworkers <sup>V</sup> waited in the car.

8) <sup>S</sup> Drag racing <sup>V</sup> is not a popular sport because it requires long stretches of empty highway.

9) The Harper <sup>S</sup>family was <sup>V</sup> assigned to pack up the car, but Grandma Harper <sup>S</sup> refused to help.

10) Even though Texas can have harsh winters, mandarin <sup>S</sup>s are <sup>V</sup> still a great fruit to cultivate.

11) Sam <sup>S</sup> loves <sup>V</sup> chocolate ice cream; his sister, Sarah, <sup>S</sup> hates <sup>V</sup> it.

12) In the beginning, reading the <sup>S</sup>Odyssey is <sup>V</sup> challenging, but as you get familiar with it, the poem <sup>S</sup> gets <sup>V</sup> easier and easier to read.

13) William Blake <sup>S</sup> was <sup>V</sup> a Romantic poet who illustrated his own books.

14) According to a recent study, even a songbird <sup>S</sup> can <sup>V</sup> learn basic grammar!

15) Lupita, a small girl of eight, <sup>S</sup> wore <sup>V</sup> a tutu to her friend's birthday party and almost stole the show.

16) These days, a person <sup>S</sup> can <sup>V</sup> get a tan on a cloudy day, but <sup>S</sup> this <sup>V</sup> is not a good thing because it's a sign that our ozone layer is diminishing.

17) Class <sup>S</sup> ended <sup>V</sup> early, so June <sup>S</sup> used <sup>V</sup> the time to catch up on her homework.

18) Believe it or not, <sup>S</sup> one <sup>V</sup> can now major in Cartoon Studies at several prominent universities.

19) Cleaning with speed and thoroughness, Sandra <sup>S</sup> prepared <sup>V</sup> the house for her first dinner party.

20) John <sup>S</sup> didn't know <sup>V</sup> that he had to take out the trash that week.



Phrase and Clause Worksheet 11

Underline the independent clauses, put two lines under the subordinate clauses, in the following sentences. When you are finished, identify the main subject (S) and main verb (V) of each sentence.

- 1) <sup>S</sup> Dad, running as quickly as possible, <sup>V</sup> left the restaurant to get my little brother's rattle.
  
- 2) Of course, today <sup>S</sup> many students <sup>V</sup> take advantage of computer technology when writing research papers about literature.
  
- 3) <sup>S</sup> John <sup>V</sup> said that he would go wherever George wanted to go.
  
- 4) Dreading the moment his mother saw him, <sup>S</sup> John <sup>V</sup> tiptoed up the stairs
  
- 5) <sup>S</sup> Santa Claus, a large man in a red suit, <sup>V</sup> gathered his reindeers and <sup>V</sup> prepared to deliver toys.
  
- 6) <sup>S</sup> That dog, which is about the ugliest thing in the world, <sup>V</sup> bit me yesterday.
  
- 7) <sup>S</sup> Some scholars <sup>V</sup> have argued that measuring the length of Hemingway's sentences is a waste of time.
  
- 8) <sup>S</sup> The squirrel <sup>V</sup> ran as though it was being chased by a dog.
  
- 9) <sup>S</sup> I am taking Art History <sup>V</sup> because I want to work in an art gallery when I graduate.
  
- 10) <sup>S</sup> Mrs. Romero <sup>V</sup> offers extra credit to whoever completes additional assignments.
  
- 11) The Mexican artist Jose Guadalupe <sup>S</sup> Posada <sup>V</sup> opposed the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz.

- 12) <sup>S</sup> Posada's art, which often depicts common laborers and citizens, <sup>V</sup> helped to stir the social unrest that led to the overthrow of Diaz in the revolution of 1910.
- 13) <sup>S</sup> Josephine <sup>V</sup> joined cross country although she had never run a race before.
- 14) Until I saw "The Sopranos," <sup>S</sup> I never understood <sup>V</sup> why people paid for HBO.
- 15) Although I tried my hardest to be a good student president, <sup>S</sup> nothing <sup>V</sup> changed.