

## Identifying and Classifying Subordinate Clauses B

- 17d.** An *adjective clause* is a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or a pronoun.
- 17e.** A *noun clause* is a subordinate clause that is used as a noun.
- 17f.** An *adverb clause* is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb.
- 17g.** Part of a clause may be left out when its meaning can be clearly understood from the context of the sentence. Such a clause is called an *elliptical clause*.

**EXAMPLES** This flower, **which was pink**, made me sneeze. [adjective clause]  
**What we need** is a sense of humor. [noun clause]  
**After the leaves fell**, we saw the nest. [adverb clause]  
 No one had misjudged him **any more than I**. [elliptical clause]

**EXERCISE** In each of the following sentences, underline the subordinate clause. Then, identify the type of clause by writing one of the following abbreviations above it: *ADJ* for *adjective clause*, *ADV* for *adverb clause*, or *N* for *noun clause*. (Hint: Some sentences contain elliptical clauses.)

**Example 1.** This novel, <sup>*ADJ*</sup> which is the latest best-seller, will be the perfect birthday gift for my mother.

- If there is an increase in the amount of carbon dioxide present in the atmosphere, plant growth also will increase.
- Many Americans voted for the New Deal, which comprised the political policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- Researching the platforms of political candidates helped RaeAnn learn more than her friend.
- Amy thought that “The Rockpile,” by James Baldwin, was the most interesting short story in our literature book.
- While he waited for the bus, Len read the latest novel by his favorite author.
- The governor answered more questions about the proposed budget than they.
- Please set that stereo where I can reach it.
- In 1981, Sandra Day O’Connor, who had been an Arizona judge, became the first female Supreme Court justice.
- Although carefully monitored, the toddler still managed to defoliate the plant.
- That the Civil War pitted brother against brother is tragic.