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# Noun Clauses

A **noun clause** is a subordinate clause used as a noun.

*Examples:*

*What you say* is true. (subject)

She said *that she was a doctor*. (direct object)

The truth is *that I was not prepared for the test*. (predicate nominative)

I was frightened *by what I saw*. (object of preposition)



**Underline the noun clause in each sentence. Write *subject, direct object, predicate nominative, or object of a preposition* to show how the noun clause is used.**

1. I could tell by the flag on the mailbox that the mail had come. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Brett found that a letter had come for me. \_\_\_\_\_
3. What he handed me made me smile. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The funniest thing about the envelope was that it was made from a brown paper bag.  
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5. I wondered if the sender was very young. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Brett knew why I thought so. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Whoever addressed this letter used crayons. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Brett looked carefully at how it was written. \_\_\_\_\_
9. When we tore open the envelope, we discovered who had sent it. \_\_\_\_\_
10. That I had been invited to the party was a pleasant surprise. \_\_\_\_\_
11. The only remaining question was who else would be there. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I look forward to talking with whoever comes to that funny party. \_\_\_\_\_
13. What you say is true. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Your life is what you make it. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Charley could see where the rainbow began. \_\_\_\_\_



**Add a noun clause to complete each sentence. Remember that a noun clause contains a subject and a verb.**

16. \_\_\_\_\_ will be welcome.
17. You may be surprised by \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The grand prize will go to \_\_\_\_\_.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ will be satisfactory.
20. I had lived near \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Answer Key

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1. that the mail had come—direct object
2. that a letter had come for me—direct object
3. What he handed me—subject
4. that it was made from a brown paper bag—predicate nominative
5. if the sender was very young—direct object
6. why I thought so—direct object
7. Whoever addressed this letter—subject
8. how it was written—object of a preposition
9. who had sent it—direct object
10. That I had been invited to the party—subject
11. who else would be there—predicate nominative
12. whoever comes to that funny party—object of a preposition
13. What you say—subject
14. what you make it—predicate nominative
15. where the rainbow began—direct object
- 16.–20. Sentences will vary.

