

ELG, 11<sup>th</sup> handout, dependent clauses

The following sentences contain subordinate and relative clauses acting as adjectives and adverbs. Put brackets around each dependent clause, labeling it subordinate or relative and showing its function.

Subordinate - Adv

Relative - Adj

[As he turned to face the crowd], I recognized the man [who held the gun].

1) <sup>Subordinate - Adv</sup> [Before the dump trucks arrived] nothing happened.

2) The evil <sup>Relative - Adj.</sup> [that men do] lives after them.

3) She is always excited <sup>Subordinate - Adv</sup> [when the pizza is delivered].

4) <sup>Subordinate - Adv</sup> [Until he was in his forties], Jonathan Swift lived in England, <sup>Relative - Adj.</sup> [where he was a famous misanthrope].

A relative clause introduced by a relative Adverb

5) <sup>Subordinate - Adv</sup> [When the drought had lasted for about three weeks] the water supply became disastrously low.

6) We were annoyed by the billboards, <sup>Relative Adjectival</sup> [which obscured most of the scenery].

7) <sup>Subordinate - Adv</sup> [Since you obviously disapprove], why don't you quit?

8) She always sends me a note <sup>Relative - Adj.</sup> [if I miss anything that seems important].

9) The only thing [we have to fear] is fear itself.

That "is" the object of the infinitive "to fear"

[ <sup>Obj of S</sup> that we have to fear ] ← Relative - Adj.

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10) The second member of the team was a miserable failure.

Relative - impacted - Adj  
[who/whom everyone believed would win]  
Everyone believed "who would win"

11) "She likes to go fishing [cause it keeps you alive.]"

Subordinate - Adv

The following sentences contain relative and subordinate clauses functioning as nouns. Put brackets around each dependent clause, identify its type and label it subject, predicate nominative, object of a verb, object of a preposition, etc.

Subordinate as DO  
12) I believe [that a stronger argument could be made.]

13) Does he know [where you went?] Subordinate as DO

Relative as obj of preposition  
14) According to [what he says], the polls cannot be taken seriously.

Subordinate as PN  
15) The consensus was [that the plan should be abandoned.]

Subordinate as subject  
16) [Why cats enjoy rolling in the dirt] is mysterious and strange.

Relative as subject  
17) [Whoever made the statement] is misinformed.

Relative as object of preposition  
18) I never worry (about [what I can't help.] )

Subordinate as subject  
19) [Whether man or beast will survive] will be resolved by fate.

Relative as subject  
20) [What you're saying] is that people change.