

ELG, 14th handout, verbals and dependent clauses

Identify verbals and verbal phrases in the following sentences and demarcate each with squiggly lines; explain how each functions within the sentence or a clause. Identify dependent clauses, placing them in brackets and labeling them subordinate or relative; explain how each functions with the sentence.

1. Needing a break during a visit with friends, Christina thought that a walk through her old neighborhood would be pleasant.
2. As she strolled past split-level homes, she wondered whether the lives of the inhabitants were satisfying.
3. Experience had taught her not to expect too much from the people who lived in these suburbs.
4. Delighted by fleeting interests, these people displayed a crassness that no longer surprised her.
5. Having walked to the corner shopping plaza, Christina decided that she would amble to the end of the parking lot and then turn back.
6. Approaching the dumpster that was her turning point, she saw the top of a wire cage peering out of the large green container.

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7. Christina, remembering that her mother had a fetish for cages, clambered onto the side of the dumpster and looked in.

8. Nestled in a heap of stinking garbage was a two-foot cage, containing a water bottle, play toy, fresh straw bedding, and a large white rabbit.

9. To say that Christina was dumbstruck was no exaggeration.

10. Although she already held a poor view of her fellow suburbanites, such heartless treatment of a gentle soul disturbed her greatly.

11. With tender care, she lifted the cage from its resting place and began walking home with cage and rabbit cradled in front of her.

12. Once home, she gave the bunny's bedding a good cleaning.

13. To her relief, the rabbit, which was housebroken, enjoyed exploring her house and gave Christina's house cats friendly sniffs.

14. The bunny, having enjoyed a banana proffered by Cueball, was subsequently named Bananas.