

ELG, 16th handout, sentences from study sessions

1. Because the water had been tainted (with ink), the writer whom many thought to be insane was simply poisoned (by her own misguided action).

Adverbial subordinate clause: Because the water had been tainted (with ink)

Adjectival relative clause: whom many thought to be insane

SV * S AV Inf Pas DO

* Many thought whom to be insane

2. The question is [whether or not they should vacation (in Cleveland).] ← Difficult to see the grammar.

OR

sub clause as PN

The question is [whether they should vacation (in Cleveland) or not.] ← "NOT" represents in elliptical manner something like "not vacation in Cleveland."

EASIER

Wheew!

3. The sickly ghoul was going about moaning to everyone it met while it hovered (through the hallways of the castle).

Adjectival relative clause: that

"moaning to everyone it met" is a gerund phrase acting as object of the preposition "about."

Two gerunds as subjects both modified by prep phrase

4. The walking and talking (throughout the concert) mightily disturbed the lone performer (on stage as she began beating the drums and attempted to twirl the harp).

AV DO

AV Gerund phrases as DO AV Inf phrase as DO

← Adverbial subordinate clause

5. Whoever runs in the race will surely catch a cold because everyone knows colds are caused (by evil running germs).

Relative clause as subject: S AV

Adverbial sub clause: S AV that

DO ← sub clause acting as DO

AV part

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6. Whoever wore the medallion (of power) gave Johnny Boy whatever he asked for because Johnny Boy was a very good fox.

Relative clause as subject
 S AV DO AV IO
 Relative clause as DO
 O/P S AV
 S LV PN
 Adverbial subordinate clause

7. Johnny Boy tried to make his little fox guitar rock and roll (all night long).

Infinitive phrase as DO of "tried."
 Inf phrase as Object of "to make"
 S AV to to O/P

8. Whoever uses toothpaste is wasting their money because brushing (without paste) is just as good.

Rel clause as subject
 S AV DO AV DO
 gerund phrase as subject
 Adverbial sub clause
 PA

9. Bill DeForest, who is fifty this week, looked back and saw Mr. Powers walk into the classroom, so he did what seemed appropriate and jumped (out of the third floor window) into deep snow.

adjectival Rel Clause
 S LV PN Adverbial mod phrase AV AV
 Inf phrase as DO
 to
 Rel clause as DO
 CC S AV S LV PN PA

10. On a warm spring day (during their junior year in high school) Billy and Cueball decided to skip Mr. Reeder's typing class by jumping out of the first-floor classroom window when Mr. Reeder was not looking.

S S
 AV
 O/P Inf
 Adv sub clause
 A LONG Infinitive phrase acting as DO of "decided."

11. I don't think this sentence is all that much easier than the others I thought of.

Sub clause as DO of "think"
 S AV that LV PA
 Adjectival Relative Clause
 {This is Matt's sentence.}