

**Student's Answer Key, Chapter 7, Noun clauses and reporting, *Grammar Advantage***

For most exercises, this key does not include even-numbered items.

■ **Exercise 1** Based on 7.1 and what you already know about noun clauses, can you identify noun clauses in the passage below? (If you prefer, read 7.3 and 7.4 first.) The first two noun clauses are already underlined.

*The double-underlined parts are noun clauses within larger noun clauses. Exercise 2, with the same content, has more details.*

When you buy something, you want to know exactly what you're getting, and you probably assume that the seller will provide information. The truth is that sellers don't always operate that way. "Caveat emptor" is a Latin phrase translated as "Let the buyer beware." It expresses the idea that buyers are responsible for determining whether they are getting a fair deal. There is of course an implied guarantee that the product is what the seller claims it to be, but *caveat emptor* suggests that buyers must be aware that they take on some risk with any purchase.

**Exercise 2**

Two *that* clauses after verbs: (*assume*) **the seller will...**, (*suggests*) **that buyers must...**

Three clauses beginning with *wh* words: (*know exactly*) **what you're getting**, (*determining*) **whether they are getting a fair deal**, (*is*) **what the seller claims...**

One *that* clause after BE: (**The truth is**) **that sellers don't...**

Two *that* clauses after nouns: (*the idea*) **that buyers are responsible...** (*an implied guarantee*) **that the product is what the seller claims...**

One *that* clause after an adjective: (*aware*) **that they take on some risk...**

**Exercise 3**

- Historians believe (b) that Stonehenge was built more than 4,000 years ago.
- They know (a) it was built in six stages.
- They don't know (d) who built it.
- (b) It was a surprise that the Jets won by only two points.
- That the Jets won by only two points (c) was a big surprise.
- The big surprise of the week (d) was that the Jets won by only two points.
- Do you believe (a) it is always wrong to tell a lie?
- The idea that marriage should be based on love (c) is rather new.
- I wasn't aware (b) that there was a fee.
- I know (a) that what I did was wrong.
- They say (d) that in politics, anything is possible.
- Instead of (c) staying at a hotel, why don't you stay with us?

**Exercise 4 – Only odd answers appear.**

- I wonder what my family is doing now.
- We need to find out where they keep the money.
- I want to know whether / if they take credit cards.
- I want to know who is in charge.

**Exercise 5 Only odd answers appear.**

- She said that she had a headache / that they were coming.
- This closet is where we keep our supplies / is what I was looking for.
- I wonder how long the storm will last / what time her appointment is / where his car was.
- We all knew that we had a lot to do.

**Exercise 6 Only odd answers appear.**

- People often ask international students where they are from. ~~to~~
- I don't understand why some eligible voters don't vote. ~~that~~

**Exercise 7**

When you're chatting online with a stranger, how do you decide how much...

If he wants to know how old are you, do you answer honestly?

If he asks how much money X you make, do you tell a white lie?

How X you answer personal questions depends on how much X you trust the stranger...

Why do you want to know?

**Exercise 8** A more important reason is that it maximizes the view...

**Exercise 9**

1. It is obvious that they learn languages more easily than adults.
2. It doesn't matter how old you are.
3. It's amazing that they can fly so far without losing their way.
4. It's a shame that more people don't use them.
5. It makes no difference whether you have a card or not. OR: ...whether or not you have....

**Exercise 10**

1. That they learn languages more easily than adults is obvious.
2. How old you are doesn't matter.
3. That they can fly so far without losing their way is amazing.
4. That more people don't use them is a shame.
5. Whether you have a card or not makes no difference. Whether or not you have a card makes...

**Exercise 11**

One of the main reasons is that they generally cost less than four-year colleges.

... because there are so many community colleges, it is likely that a student can choose one...

One disadvantage of community colleges is that they don't usually offer financial aid...

Another advantage of community colleges is flexible scheduling.

**Exercise 12**

1. After their first American tour (a) it was clear that the Beatles were going to be the biggest...
2. You can't see the doctor today. (b) It makes no difference how long you wait.
3. I'd like to get the student discount. (d) Does it matter that I don't have my ID? ("Does it matter if I don't have..." is also OK. If someone says "Does it matter that I..." s/he is making it clear that s/he does not have it.)
4. One difficulty with English spelling (d) is that the rules have so many exceptions.
5. One consequence... (c) is that fewer talented women choose to go into teaching.

*Only odd answers appear.*

1. Diane Ravitch (b) claims that schools have overemphasized testing in recent years.
3. (c) ...I imagine we'll need....
5. I (d) don't think that anyone will care if we park here.
7. At the annual meeting, the treasurer (d) said that earnings had declined.

**Exercise 14**

His downstairs neighbors complained to the landlord that his party had kept them awake...

Brad admitted / agreed the party had been loud, but he didn't agree with them that it sounded...

Still, he promised (that) the next party would be quieter.

They warned (him) they'd call the police next time if it wasn't.

When I was seven, I told / explained to my parents that I wanted a dog.

They explained to / told me that dogs require a lot of care, but said / told them (that) I would...

I even got a book on dog care from the library to show (them) (that) (X) I was serious.

I finally persuaded them that I deserved a chance to prove (to them) (that) I meant what I said. We got a dog. I

remember that I fed and walked the dog faithfully every day, for about a week.

*Only odd answers appear.*

1. It was rude of Kyle to speak to you that way. You should (d) insist that he apologize.
3. Don't let the room get too hot. It's (c) important that it stay cool.
5. Sometimes I miss my family and wish I (d) were back home.
8. Looking back on their busy lives, people often say they wish they (a) had spent more time

**Exercise 16**

He has asked that we put them in his old bedroom...

I don't require that he follow my rules in his own home...

My husband insists that I am old-fashioned and suggests that I just forget about it.

Tell your son you prefer that he and Angelina not share a room when they are your guests.

It's important that he respect your wishes in your house.

Still, she insists that he be included whenever we get together, as if he were a member of the family. I've always suspected that she loves Max more than me. Can I demand that she leave him at home when she visits? – Maxed out  
It's crucial that you not make this a big issue.

Demanding that she leave the dog at home is going too far.

Tell Mom you prefer that Max stay outside.

If she demands that he be allowed inside...

**Exercise 17**

1. Business leaders are encouraged by the news consumer confidence is on the rise.
2. International visitors are sometimes struck by the fact that pets are treated like family...
3. The assumption that everyone should learn to read was not universal 100 years ago.
4. I couldn't get over the feeling that we had met before.
5. The hope (The parents' hope) that their daughter would graduate from college motivated...
6. The fear that I had forgotten something made me nervous.
7. Do you ever think about the possibility that you will live to be 100?
8. The claim that girls can't learn math is offensive to many people.
9. The evidence that smoking is unhealthy led to health warnings on cigarette packages.
10. Discussion at the meeting was dominated by the demand demanded that the CEO resign.

**Exercise 18**

1. I am positive that I locked the door.
2. We were were relieved that the problem was solved.
3. The coach was angry that we ignored his advice.
4. I was aware that everyone agreed with me.
5. I'm surprised that such a famous film is so boring.

**Exercise 19**

1. Though experts argue about the details, (b) there is no doubt that the world is becoming...
2. We never considered the possibility (c) that our flight would be canceled.
3. I'm grateful (a) that I live in a city where the arts are taken seriously.
4. We were thankful (d) for their help when we were stuck with no place to stay.
5. Growing up, Tyler's character was shaped by (b) the fact that there were no other kids...

**Exercise 20** See the box in 7.9.

**Exercise 21**

1. Indirect: He always asks what's on TV.
2. Direct: She says, "TV is boring."
3. Indirect: He says (that) he likes it.
4. Direct: She says, "I prefer to read."
5. Indirect: He asks what's for dinner.

6. Direct: She says, "It's not my turn to cook."
7. Indirect: He tells her not to take him seriously. (He says not to take him...)
8. Direct: She says, "I never do."

**Exercise 22**

1. The researchers say (d) that they need more money.
2. The author (b) wondered whether or (c) wondered if whether our good luck would continue.
3. When they (d) asked why I put up with so much inconvenience, I couldn't answer.
4. My parents always told me (a) I should be kind to my or (d) that I should be kind to my...
5. At the lab, the employee at the desk always asks (b) you to sign in.
6. The little boy (b) asked me or (c) asked, "Is this bike yours?"
7. The sign on the door (c) said, "Back in ten minutes."

**Exercise 23**

1. He said (that) he had an extra ticket for Friday. / He told her (that) he...
  2. She said, "I'm working Friday."
  3. He said he had forgotten.
  4. She asked, "Do you know what else you forgot / have forgotten?"
  5. He asked if / whether it was her birthday.
  6. She said it, "It's yours."
  7. He said he couldn't find his watch.
  8. She asked, "Is it by the bed?"
  9. He said he had looked there.
  10. She asked, "Where did you last see it?"
  11. He said he didn't know.
  12. She told him he should look on his wrist.
  13. She said he looked tired.
  14. He said, "I've been working too hard."
  15. She asked him what he was (had been) working on.
  16. He said, "I'm writing a novel."
  17. She asked how many pages he had written.
  18. He said, "I haven't started it yet."
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1. ...asked the children in her class what they wanted to be when they grew up.
  2. One child said people caught (had caught) them...
  3. After learning that, I thought people bought their jobs and only rich doctors and lawyers...
  4. Sam said, "At my house, most of the glasses have beer in them!"
  5. Before they went, she asked her daddy if she was going to get a baby at the hospital too.

**Exercise 25** *Only odd answers appear.*

- 1 They may ask why you want the job. 16 .)
- 3 They may ask how your education has prepared you to work there.
- 5 What may ask what your weaknesses are.
- 7 They may ask what you know about the / their company.
- 9 They may ask where you would like to be in your career in five years.
- 11 They may ask how you want to improve yourself in the next year.
- 13 They may ask who has influenced you most.
- 15 They may ask you what salary you're seeking.
- 17 They may ask you if / whether you have any questions for them.

*Only odd answers appear.*

Verbs in the noun clauses may be backshifted (present → and past → past perfect) to suggest a hypothetical (unlikely) situation. (See 7.10.)

- 1 ...ask if / whether she (he) is employed.
- 3 ...ask if / whether she (he) likes to travel.
- 5 ...ask how long she (he) has lived in this city.
- 7 ...ask where she (he) lives.
- 9 ...ask if / whether he (she) had seen any good movies lately.
- 11 ...ask if / whether she (he) had any plans for the weekend.
- 13 ...ask what sign of the zodiac she (he) was born under.
- 15 ...what TV shows she (he) likes.
- 17 ...ask how she (he) met our host.

**Exercise 27**

There was [a photographer] who came in and said he was sent to do a layout of me.

"A layout," I said.

"Yes," he said.

"What is that?" I said.

"Oh," he said, "it is four or five pictures of you doing anything."

"All right," I said. "What do you want me to do?"

"Well," he said, "there is your airplane bag. Suppose you unpack it."

"Oh," I said, "Miss Toklas always does that. Oh no, I could not do that."

"Well," he said, "there is the telephone. Suppose you make a telephone call."

"Well," I said, "yes, but I never do. Miss Toklas always does that."

"Well, he said, "what can you do?"

"Well," I said, "I can put my hat on and take my hat off and I can put my coat on and I can take it off and I like water. I can drink a glass of water."

"All right," he said, "Do that."

So I did that and he photographed while I did that.

**Exercise 28**

1. ...I (a) said to or (b) told him to make it short.
2. College teachers often ask (a) ask students to or (c) tell students to call them...
3. Did the teachers at your university tell you (c) not to cite Wikipedia as a source?
4. They (b) said that the concert was sold out.
5. The clerk (d) said that we should buy the service agreement.
6. Have you ever asked (b) if you could or (d) to record a lecture so you can listen to it later?

**Exercise 29**

When I was about to leave for the U.S., I asked my grandmother for advice. She told me to work hard and go to bed at a reasonable hour. She reminded me I had promised to call or write at least once a week. When I asked my favorite teacher, she said I should take a wide variety of courses and follow a strict study schedule. I began to think, "This sounds like a lot of work!" Then I talked to my father. He told me to take fun courses as well as difficult ones. He said that I would be young only once and that universities were / are great places to try new things. He said that he had enjoyed his college days and recommended that I do the same.

**Exercise 30** *Only odd answers appear.*

- 1 He accused me of copying his paper.
- 3 He criticized me for laughing.
- 5 I insisted on paying.
- 7 He offered to carry her bag.

**Exercise 31** *Only odd answers appear.*

- 1 She suggested ordering a pizza. (She suggested that we order...)
- 2 She invited him to join her.
- 3 She accused him of stealing her fork.
- 4 She offered to pay for his ticket.

1. The authors claim that their findings might be related to age.

2. The authors question the assumption that more exercise is always a good thing.
3. One job of a teacher is to judge whether students are prepared to go to the next level.
4. Most scholars dismiss the idea that Shakespeare did not write the works...
5. ...in his conclusion he implies that he is critical of them.
6. In other words, the lecturer speculated that the two conditions are linked.
7. The project began when the author observed that he always performed better on tests after...
8. We measured how much the participants remembered by giving them a test.
9. How can you explain to your parents that you need money again?
10. Experts predict that the world's population will double in the next 100 years.
11. The committee is expected to advise that services be reduced.
12. We need to determine whether more funds are needed.
13. The researchers were surprised by the finding that 73% of the participants preferred...
14. You're ignoring the issue of how much we should emphasize competition.
15. No one supported Ryan's proposal that we adjourn.
16. There is a widespread perception that the candidate is less trustworthy than her rivals.
17. I was surprised that I didn't sleep well after such a hard day.
18. I read the article carefully, but it's possible that I misunderstood a few things.
19. Are you positive that you didn't make any mistakes?
20. Pay attention to your work. You seem unaware that you're making lots of errors.

### Exercise 33

1. It looked like it wouldn't last long.
2. He felt like he was intruding.
3. It sounds like everyone had a good time.
4. It seems like they have no time to relax.
5. They didn't like it that they had to stay indoors.
6. That makes it likely that I'll be promoted.

### Exercise 34

Other matchings are possible. These answers are based on the most likely situations.

1. The girls regard it as unfair that only boys are allowed to play football.
2. We found it unfortunate that no one qualified for financial aid.
3. The teachers see it as essential that every student participate.
4. Adam considers it likely that he will get a pay raise within a year.
5. Sarah found it annoying that she had to wait so long.
6. We considered it important that our son develop good table manners.
7. He saw it as beneficial that his grew up in a bilingual neighborhood.
8. I regarded it as convenient that all my classes were scheduled on just two days.

### Exercise 35

1. The waiter said that the fish was fresh and (d) that it was one of their most...
  2. Just when (b) it seemed like we were going to be able to enjoy a quiet evening...
  3. Negative attitudes on both sides made (a) it unlikely that a compromise could be...
  4. Do you (c) see it as important that husbands and wives share housework equally?
  5. We consider (b) it important that meetings start on
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