

## Identifying Adjective and Adverb Clauses

**17d.** An *adjective clause* is a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or a pronoun.

**17f.** An *adverb clause* is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb.

**EXAMPLES** We sympathized with our friends **whose luggage was lost**. [adjective clause]  
**As long as we were there**, we helped them look for their bags. [adverb clause]

**EXERCISE A** In each of the following sentences, identify the underlined subordinate clause by writing above it *ADJ* for *adjective clause* or *ADV* for *adverb clause*.

**Example 1.** George Washington Carver, who was an African American scientist, was renowned for his research on agricultural problems and products.

1. I clearly heard children shouting on the playground, as though the window were not closed.
2. Because she was holding the board carefully, Barbara was able to pound in the nail.
3. Rita attended band camp, and she met students who were interested in becoming musicians.
4. I managed the store alone while the owner was on vacation.
5. No one will read a newspaper that cannot report accurately the day's happenings.

**EXERCISE B** In each of the following sentences, underline the subordinate clause. Then, indicate what kind of clause it is by writing above it *ADJ* for *adjective clause* or *ADV* for *adverb clause*.

**Example 1.** Will we see you when we get there?

6. If you are interested in driving to Macdonagh Lake, please telephone to let me know.
7. The lake, which is in the northwest corner of the state, has fishing and boating facilities.
8. I have looked at a map, and the drive, which is an easy one, will take a little under two hours.
9. I am looking for the park entrance where the boat launch is located.
10. If you wish to rent a boat, you can rent canoes, rowboats, and paddleboats at the boathouse.
11. On the boat ride, wear one of the orange life vests that are available in the boathouse.
12. Will someone alert me when the rest of you are ready to stop for lunch?
13. I plan to go for a swim in the lake, which is crystal clear.
14. There are always lifeguards on duty because it is a state park.
15. How long did I work on the plan that would let me make this trip to Macdonagh Lake?