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#### **NOUN CLAUSE**

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Understanding Noun Clauses

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Abstract: This article provides an in-depth explanation of noun clauses in English grammar. A noun clause is a dependent clause that functions as a noun within a sentence. The article explores the structure, grammatical functions, and common subordinators used to form noun clauses, supported by examples for clarity and practical application.

What is a Noun Clause?

A noun clause is a type of subordinate clause that acts as a noun in a sentence. It can perform various grammatical functions, such as:

Subject:

What he said surprised everyone.

Here, What he said functions as the subject of the sentence.

Object:

I don't know what she wants.

In this example, what she wants serves as the object of the verb.

Predicate Complement (Subject Complement):

The problem is where they will go.

The noun clause where they will go complements the subject The problem.

Object of a Preposition:

We are thinking about how we can solve the issue.



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The clause how we can solve the issue functions as the object of the preposition about. How is a Noun Clause Formed?

Noun clauses typically begin with subordinators, such as:

WH-words: what, who, whom, which, when, where, why, how If/Whether:

I wonder if he will comes That:

He said that he was busy

**Examples of Noun CClause** 

I believe that hard work leads to success.

Can you tell me where she lives?

What you need is more practice.

She was worried about whether they would arrive on time.

### Conclusion

Noun clauses play a crucial role in constructing complex sentences in English. They allow for more detailed and nuanced communication by functioning as nouns in various grammatical positions. Understanding subordinators and their usage is key to mastering noun clauses.

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