ADJECTIVE CLAUSES

Learning Outcome: Upon successful completion of this worksheet, students will be able to locate dependent adjective clauses in a sentence and determine which word those clauses modify.

Before you begin: If you need to refresh your memory about dependent clauses, adjective clauses, or the purpose of modifiers, please consult a handbook like Diana Hacker’s *A Writer’s Reference* here in the WRC or visit The Guide to Grammar at [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm).

When you are done: Worksheets are designed to be a self-teaching opportunity. Therefore, we provide the answer keys so that, when you are done, you can check your answers. Should you want to consult with a professor on duty about your answers, please be sure to check your answers first.

Directions Each of the following sentences contains a dependent clause used as an adjective. Underline the dependent adjective clause, and draw an arrow from it to the word it modifies.

Example: The rancher who just left raises two hundred head of cattle.

1. The people who benefit most are the larger industrialists.
2. Three birds that I spotted were valley blue jays.
3. The old woman’s favorite relative was the niece whom she entertained at tea.
4. It is difficult for him to find shoes that fit comfortably.
5. Ms. Markus is the graduate student whose paper you liked.
6. The facts that came to light startled them all.
7. Several truck firms that serve us are out on strike.
8. Surely Widget is not the dog that bit you on the arm!

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9. Any plants which received fertilizer should grow large.

10. Summer is the season when most of us go on vacation.

11. All students whose papers were handed in on time will receive full credit.

12. I need to live in a house where there is a lot of elbow room.

13. That ring, which she bought at the flea market, was over two hundred years old.

14. The instructor who just came into the room teaches economics.

15. The movie that we saw this weekend should win the Academy Award.