Noun Clauses



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main	noun
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Noun clauses have a **subject** and a **verb**.



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Main Clause	Wh-Clause
He wonders	where she is what she said why I called
Do you know	where she went when the train leaves why they did that

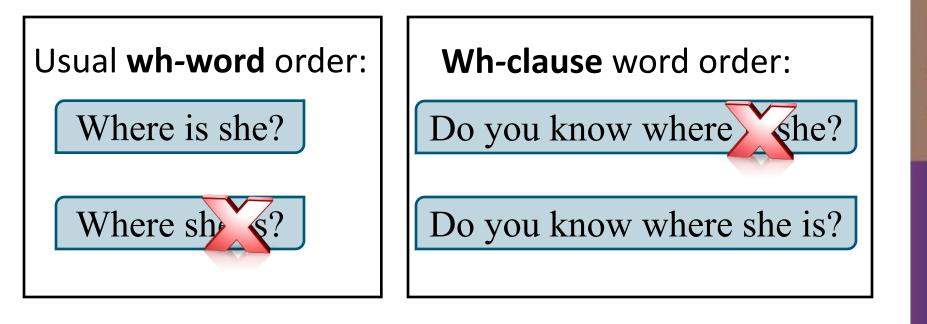
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Main Clause	If/Whether-Clause	
I wonder	if she left (or not)	
I don't know	if she's still here (or not)	
Can you tell me	whether she arrived (or not) whether (or not) she arrived if she arrived (or not)	

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Main Clause	That-Clause
I think	(that) he called
Did they doubt	(that) he would call

Wh – clauses are sometimes called indirect or embedded questions. Wh- clauses have different word order.



Wh – words can be followed by infinitives in wh – noun clauses.

They didn't know what they should do. They didn't know what **to do**.

Jane can't decide whether she should go or stay home. Jane can't decide whether **to go** or (**to**) **stay** home.

Please tell me how I can get to the airport. Please tell me how **to get** to the airport. **If/Whether – clauses** are also sometimes called indirect questions or embedded questions. They also use statement word order.

Do you know if you're coming with us?

Do you know if are y coming with us?

Or not can be added to the end of if/whether – clauses if the clauses are not very long.

I wonder whether she arrived **or not**. I wonder if she arrived **or not**.

I don't know whether she did her homework **or not**. I don't know if she did her homework **or not**. **Or not** can also immediately follow **whether**, but it can't follow **if**.

I wonder whether she arrived or not. I wonder whether or not she left.

I wonder **if** she arrived **or not**. I wonder **if or** she arrived.



A **question mark** is used only if the main clause is a **question**.

Main Clause	Noun Clause
He wonders	why I called.
l wonder	if she left.
I think	that he called.
Do you know	where she went?
Can you tell me	if she arrived?
Did they doubt	that he would call?

That can usually be omitted in that clauses.

People say **that he is a great teacher**. People say **he is a great teacher**.

Most people agree **that the world is round**. Most people agree **the world is round**.

I think **that most people are honest**. I think **most people are honest**. 5

That cannot be omitted when it introduces a noun clause used as a subject of a sentence.

That he is a great teacher is a fact. It is a fact **that he is a great teacher**.



Click on the correct statements.

She said that this food is delicious. **correct**

Do you think that this is delicious food? **correct**

I wonder what happened? I wonder what happened. incorrect

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Click on the correct statements.

I wonder where is that new library.incorrectI wonder where that new library is.correct

Can you tell me what happened, please? correct

I'm sorry that I was late for class.

correct

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The End

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