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B2 CLAUSES ≈ 27 MIN

Noun Clauses — *practice on paper*

You know the noun roles; now reinforce objects, subjects, punctuation, and embedded wh order with fresh examples.

That/wh clauses take a noun role: object that has no comma, subject that is usually more formal, and **wh** keeps statement order.

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BRICK 1 · SORT BY CLAUSE ROLE · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. On the left, the clause completes a verb as its object; on the right, the whole clause occupies the subject position.

We heard that the launch moved

Maya knows what the figures show

They believe that the plan will work

I cannot see why the cost increased

The memo confirms that Lee resigned

That sales fell worried the board

That the merger stalled worried investors

That costs rose alarmed the team

That nobody replied delayed the vote

That the file vanished caused a delay

OBJECT IN MAIN CLAUSE	SUBJECT IN MAIN CLAUSE

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE CLAUSE · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Add the expression in brackets. Check the clause role, the absence of a comma, and statement order in wh clauses.

01 Owen explained _____ the venue had changed. (that)

02 I cannot tell _____ the new code does. (what)

03 _____ the shipment arrived early pleased sales. (that)

04 We still do not know _____ the invoice is missing. (why)

05 We _____ believe the estimate is final. (not)

06 It surprised us _____ both vendors withdrew. (that)

07 The note confirms _____ the deadline remains Monday. (that)

08 Can you explain _____ this warning means? (what)

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN ●●○

Correct one point per sentence in punctuation, clause role, or wh order; for negation, choose the usually more natural form.

01 Mina confirmed, that the room was free.

02 We cannot explain why did the invoice vanish.

03 That the server failed it delayed the launch.

04 I believe the estimate is not reliable.

05 Nobody understands what does this marker show.

06 Rosa told me, that the file was ready.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN NOUN CLAUSES · APPROX. 8 MIN ●●●

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Then underline the complete clause and name its role.

01 Project update: complete reported with a that object clause and no comma.

02 Formal reaction: begin with a that subject clause about a delivery delay.

03 Missing information: complete explain with an embedded what object clause in statement order.

04 Cautious assessment: use transferred negation with believe.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ○ I identify whether the complete clause is an object or subject.
- ○ I do not place a comma before an object that clause.
- ○ I use statement order inside an embedded wh object clause.
- ○ In an ordinary negative opinion with think or believe, I usually place the negative in the main clause.

Unsure? Bracket the complete clause, name its role, and only then check punctuation and word order.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 We heard that the launch moved
***Object in main clause**: The that clause completes heard.*

02 Maya knows what the figures show
***Object in main clause**: The wh clause completes knows.*

03 They believe that the plan will work
***Object in main clause**: The that clause completes believe.*

04 I cannot see why the cost increased
***Object in main clause**: The wh clause completes see.*

05 The memo confirms that Lee resigned
***Object in main clause**: The that clause completes confirms.*

06 That sales fell worried the board
***Subject in main clause**: The that clause is the subject.*

07 That the merger stalled worried investors
***Subject in main clause**: The that clause is the subject.*

08 That costs rose alarmed the team
***Subject in main clause**: The that clause is the subject.*

09 That nobody replied delayed the vote
***Subject in main clause**: The that clause is the subject.*

10 That the file vanished caused a delay
***Subject in main clause**: The that clause is the subject.*

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 Owen explained **that** the venue had changed.
Object rule: That follows explained without a comma.

02 I cannot tell **what** the new code does.
Wh rule: What keeps statement order.

03 **That** the shipment arrived early pleased sales.
Subject rule: The that clause fills subject position.

04 We still do not know **why** the invoice is missing.
Wh rule: Why keeps statement order.

05 We **do not** believe the estimate is final.
Negation rule: Believe places not in the main clause.

06 It surprised us **that** both vendors withdrew.
Subject alternative: It moves the content later.

07 The note confirms **that** the deadline remains Monday.
Object rule: That follows confirms without a comma.

08 Can you explain **what** this warning means?
Wh rule: What keeps statement order.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 Mina confirmed **that** the room was free.
Comma rule: An object that clause takes no comma before it.

02 We cannot explain **why the invoice vanished**.
Wh rule: In the embedded clause, the subject comes before the verb.

03 That the server failed delayed the launch.
Subject rule: The that clause needs no extra it.

04 I **do not believe** the estimate is reliable.
Negation rule: With believe, the negative usually appears in the main clause.

05 Nobody understands **what this marker shows**.
Wh rule: The embedded clause keeps statement order.

06 Rosa told me **that** the file was ready.
Comma rule: An object that clause takes no comma before it.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Answers vary; check clause role, punctuation, wh order, and the position of the negative.

01 Lena reported **that the test had ended early**.
Object rule: The that clause directly completes reported with no comma.

02 **That the delivery arrived late** annoyed the warehouse team.
Subject rule: The complete that clause occupies the subject position.

03 Could you explain **what this symbol means**?
Wh rule: The embedded object clause uses statement order.

04 We **do not believe the vendor can deliver by Friday**.
Negation rule: With believe, the negative appears in the main clause.

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