

CHAPTER **16** *The Clause*

Unit Review

A. Each of the following sentences contains an italicized clause. In the blank provided, identify the italicized clause as *ind.* (independent) or *sub.* (subordinate). (2 points each)

1. Travelers *who drive across the Great Plains during the summer* are often surprised by the size of the bridges spanning the streams. 1. S
2. *Sometimes a half-mile-long bridge has been built across a stream* that is little more than a muddy trickle. 2. I
3. They may wonder *why the bridge is there at all*. 3. S
4. If they revisited the spot in the springtime, *they would understand the need for the bridge*. 4. I
5. The tiny stream is transformed into a huge river *when the spring rains come*. 5. S

Circle the relative pronoun or subordinating conjunction. Place brackets around the subject and underline the verb or verb phrase.

B. Each of the following sentences contains a subordinate clause. First, find this clause and underline it. Then, in the blank provided, indicate what kind of subordinate clause it is by writing *adj.* (adjective), *adv.* (adverb), or *noun*. (2 points for each correctly underlined clause; 2 points for each blank)

6. Some of the rivers (that) drain the Great Plains dry up entirely during the summer. 6. adj.
7. (If) there is little rainfall during the autumn, the riverbeds may remain dry until March or April. 7. adv.
8. (When) the winter [snows] begin to melt, the rivers suddenly come to life again. 8. adv.
9. A spring thaw (that) is accompanied by heavy rains may lead to flood conditions. 9. adj.
10. Residents of the region know (that) a yard-wide [stream] can become a half-mile-wide river practically overnight. 10. n-DO
11. The bridges crossing such a river have to be strongly constructed (so that) they can withstand the raging floodwaters. 11. adv.
12. The wooden bridges of earlier days were washed away or badly damaged (when) ever there was a rainy spring. 12. adv.
13. (If) a railroad [bridge] was damaged, train travel might be halted for days. 13. adv.
14. Working for weeks or months, construction teams would replace (what) the spring [torrents] had destroyed. 14. n-DO

15. Construction engineers realized that longer and stronger bridges were needed.
16. With steel and reinforced concrete, they built bridges that could withstand the spring floods.
17. Although these bridges were very costly, yearly reconstruction of simple wooden bridges would have been more costly in the long run.
18. That the new bridges would be needed only one or two weeks a year was obvious to the designers and the builders.
19. A Great Plains bridge is like a summer cottage that stands empty most of the year.
20. It is useful only part of the time, but we are glad to have it there when it is needed.

15. n-do
16. adj.
17. adv.
18. n-S
19. adj.
20. adv.

C. In the blank provided after each of the following sentences, classify the sentence according to its structure. Use abbreviations:

S for a simple sentence

Cd for a compound sentence

Cx for a complex sentence

Cd-Cx for a compound-complex sentence

[2 points each]

21. Although bridges are built for practical purposes, many bridges are not only useful but beautiful.
22. Old-fashioned covered bridges can still be seen in some parts of the country, chiefly in New England.
23. These bridges were not intended to be objects of art, but many people today think that they are very lovely.
24. The simple lines and the weathered wood of a covered bridge go well with its rustic surroundings.
25. Those who design modern bridges take both usefulness and beauty into account.
26. The Brooklyn Bridge, which was opened in 1883, was one of the first steel suspension bridges in the United States.
27. Not only was the Brooklyn Bridge the longest suspension bridge of its time, but it was also one of the most artistically pleasing.
28. The bridge was recognized as an artistic triumph even before it was completed, and it quickly became a favorite subject for painters and photographers.
29. Many suspension bridges built during the present century employ structural principles that were developed by the designer of the Brooklyn Bridge.
30. Two of the best-known suspension bridges of recent times are San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and New York's Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

21. CX
22. S
23. CD-CX
24. S
25. CX
26. CX
27. CD
28. CD-CX
29. CX
30. S