

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). (1 point 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. _____
2. *Sometimes a half-mile-long bridge has been built across a stream* that is little more than a muddy trickle. 2. _____
3. They may wonder *why the bridge is there at all*. 3. _____
4. If they revisited the spot in the springtime, *they would understand the need for the bridge*. 4. _____
5. The tiny stream is transformed into a huge river *when the spring rains come*. 5. _____

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

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

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

Cx for a complex sentence

Cd for a compound 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. 21. _____
22. Old-fashioned covered bridges can still be seen in some parts of the country, chiefly in New England. 22. _____
23. These bridges were not intended to be objects of art, but many people today think that they are very lovely. 23. _____
24. The simple lines and the weathered wood of a covered bridge go well with its rustic surroundings. 24. _____
25. Those who design modern bridges take both usefulness and beauty into account. 25. _____
26. The Brooklyn Bridge, which was opened in 1883, was one of the first steel suspension bridges in the United States. 26. _____
27. Not only was the Brooklyn Bridge the longest suspension bridge of its time, but it was also one of the most artistically pleasing. 27. _____
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. 28. _____
29. Many suspension bridges built during the present century employ structural principles that were developed by the designer of the Brooklyn Bridge. 29. _____
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. 30. _____