

Section 1: Introduction

Introduction lesson

Lecture 1.1— Clauses: Basic Units of English Structure

Chapter 1: *Every language has its own parameters*

Chapter 2: *What is a clause?*

Chapter 3: *“Linking” and “embedding” clauses to form sentences*

Chapter 4: *Clauses: mini summary*

Assignment 1.1: *Clauses: Basic Units of English Structure*

Section 2: The Architecture of Sentences

Lecture 2.1—“Linking” and “Embedding” Clauses

Chapter 1: *Recap: clauses*

Chapter 2: *“Linking” and “embedding”: a conceptualization*

Reference 2.1: *“Linking” and “embedding”: a conceptualization*

Assignment 2.1: *Overview of Linking and Embedding Clauses*

Lecture 2.2—Linking Clauses (1): Coordinating Conjunctions

Chapter 1: *Recap: “linking” and “embedding” clauses*

Chapter 2: *Linking: two types of conjunctions*

Chapter 3: *Coordinating conjunctions: “and”, “but”, “or”, “so”, “yet”*

Reference 2.2: *Linking Clauses (1): Coordinating Conjunctions*

Assignment 2.2: *Linking Clauses (1): Coordinating Conjunctions*

Lecture 2.3—Linking Clauses (2): Subordinating Conjunctions

Chapter 1: *When do we use subordinating conjunctions?*

Chapter 2: *Topicalization of subordinating clauses*

Chapter 3: *Don’t link two clauses with more than one conjunction!*

Chapter 4: *Subordinating vs. coordinating clauses*

Chapter 5: *A list of subordinating conjunctions*

Reference 2.3: *Linking Clauses (2): Subordinating Conjunctions*

Assignment 2.3: *Linking Clauses (2): Subordinating Conjunctions*

Lecture 2.4—Embedding Clauses (1): “That”-clauses and Embedded Questions

Chapter 1: *Recap: “embedding” vs. “linking”*

Chapter 2: *The types of embedded clauses*

Chapter 3: *Embedded statements: “That”-clauses*

Chapter 4: *Verbs that trigger “that”-clauses*

Chapter 5: *Embedded questions*

Reference 2.4: *Embedding Clauses (1): “That”-clauses and Embedded Questions*

Assignment 2.4: *Embedding Clauses (1): “That”-clauses and Embedded Questions*

Lecture 2.5—Embedding Clauses (2): Relative Clauses

Chapter 1: Recap: “that”-clauses and embedded questions

Chapter 2: Relative clauses are adjectives

Chapter 3: Relative pronouns: “who”, “whom”, “which”, “that”, “whose”

Chapter 4: The internal structure of relative clauses

Chapter 5: Relative pronouns in modifiers (e.g. “in whom”, “seeing which”)

Reference 2.5: Embedding Clauses (2): Relative Clauses

Assignment 2.5: Embedding Clauses (2): Relative Clauses

Lecture 2.6—Embedding Clauses (3): Subject Clauses

Chapter 1: What are subject clauses?

Chapter 2: “That”: subject clause marker

Chapter 3: Using complete statements as subjects

Reference 2.6: Embedding Clauses (3): Subject Clauses

Lecture 2.7—Embedding Clauses (4): Other Noun Clauses

Chapter 1: Recap: subject clauses

Chapter 2: What are noun clauses?

Chapter 3: Difference from relative clauses

Chapter 4: Difference from embedded questions

Chapter 5: Nouns in the bigger clause

Chapter 6: Singular or plural?

Chapter 7: Examples of different roles

Chapter 8: Noun clause pronouns

Reference 2.7: Embedding Clauses (4): Other Noun Clauses

Lecture 2.8—Embedding Clauses (5): Adverb Clauses

Chapter 1: What are adverb clauses?

Chapter 2: Adverb clause pronouns

Chapter 3: Recap: linking and embedding clauses

Reference 2.8: Embedding Clauses (5): Adverb Clauses

Assignment 2.6-8: Subject Clauses, Noun Clauses, and Adverb Clauses

Section 2 Test: The Architecture of Sentence

Section 3: The Elements of Clauses—The Subject

Lecture 3.1—The Subject Requirement

Chapter 1: Overview: the internal structure of a clause

Chapter 2: The subject is a requirement

Chapter 3: The grammatical role of the subject

Chapter 4: Chinese sentences do not require a stated subject

Reference 3.1: The Subject Requirement

Assignment 3.1: The Subject Requirement



Lecture 3.2—Noun Phrase Subjects

Chapter 1: Recap: the subject requirement

Chapter 2: Subjects are commonly (but not always) noun phrases

Chapter 3: Noun markers

Chapter 4: The core noun in a noun phrase

Chapter 5: Personal pronouns as subjects

Chapter 6: Indefinite pronouns as subjects

Chapter 7: Gerund subjects: noun phrases derived from verbs

Reference 3.2: Noun Phrase Subjects

Assignment 3.2: Noun Phrase Subjects

Lecture 3.3—Subject Clauses

Chapter 1: Recap: noun phrase subjects

Chapter 2: Subject clauses: “that”-clauses or noun clauses

Chapter 3: “That”-clauses as subjects

Chapter 4: Noun clauses as subjects

Chapter 5: Singular or plural?

Reference 3.3: Subject Clauses

Assignment 3.3: Subject Clauses

Lecture 3.4—Infinitive Phrase Subjects

Chapter 1: What are infinitive phrase subjects?

Chapter 2: Infinitive marker “to” (NOT preposition “to”!)

Chapter 3: Adding objects and modifiers to an infinitive phrase subject

Chapter 4: Mini summary (infinitive phrase subjects)

Reference 3.4: Infinitive Phrase Subjects

Assignment 3.4: Infinitive Phrase Subjects

Lecture 3.5—Expletive Subjects “It” and “There”

Chapter 1: What are expletive subjects?

Chapter 2: Why do we need expletive subjects?

Chapter 3: Using “it” to stand in for subject clauses

Chapter 4: Using “it” to stand in for subject clause questions

Chapter 5: Expletive “there”

Reference 3.5: Expletive Subjects “It” and “There”

Assignment 3.5: Expletive Subjects “It” and “There”

Section 3 Test: The Elements of Clauses—The Subject

Section 4: The Elements of Clauses—The Finite Verb

Lecture 4.1—What is a “Finite” Verb?

- Chapter 1:** *What is a finite verb?*
- Chapter 2:** *Tense and aspect: an overview*
- Chapter 3:** *Voice: an overview*
- Chapter 4:** *Mood: an overview*
- Chapter 5:** *Mood: subjunctive*
- Chapter 6:** *Modal verbs: an overview*
- Chapter 7:** *Non-finite verbs: participles, infinitives, gerunds*
- Chapter 8:** *Auxiliary verbs*
- Chapter 9:** *Subject-verb agreement (again!)*

Reference 4.1: *What is a “Finite” Verb?*

Assignment 4.1: *What is a “Finite” Verb?*

Lecture 4.2—Tense and Aspect

- Chapter 1:** *Tense and aspect: 12 combinations*
- Chapter 2:** *Verb forms*
- Chapter 3:** *A closer look at tense and aspect*
- Chapter 4:** *Simple aspect: simple x present*
- Chapter 5:** *Recap: auxiliary verbs*
- Chapter 6:** *Back to simple x present: negation with “do”*
- Chapter 7:** *Simple x present: usage*
- Chapter 8:** *Simple x past*
- Chapter 9:** *Simple x future*
- Chapter 10:** *Present x progressive*
- Chapter 11:** *Past x progressive*
- Chapter 12:** *Future x progressive*
- Chapter 13:** *Present x perfect*
- Chapter 14:** *Past x perfect*
- Chapter 15:** *Future x perfect*
- Chapter 16:** *Present x perfect progressive*
- Chapter 17:** *Past x perfect progressive*
- Chapter 18:** *Future x perfect progressive*
- Chapter 19:** *Verb forms first, usage second*

Reference 4.2: *Tense and Aspect*

Assignment 4.2: *Tense and Aspect*

Lecture 4.3—Voice

- Chapter 1:** *The relationship between subject and finite verb*
- Chapter 2:** *Verb forms: active and passive voice*
- Chapter 3:** *Simple aspect: passive voice*
- Chapter 4:** *Progressive aspect: passive voice*
- Chapter 5:** *Perfect aspect: passive voice*
- Chapter 6:** *Perfect progressive aspect: generally not used in passive voice*
- Chapter 7:** *Summary of all passive verb forms*
- Chapter 8:** *Only transitive verbs can be in passive voice*
- Chapter 9:** *Finite verbs show tense, aspect, and voice*

Reference 4.3: *Voice*

Assignment 4.3: *Voice*

Lecture 4.4—Mood

Chapter 1: *The fourth “limit” of finite verbs*

Chapter 2: *Indicative mood*

Chapter 3: *Interrogative mood: independent questions*

Chapter 4: *Interrogative mood: embedded questions*

Chapter 5: *Imperative mood*

Chapter 6: *Subjunctive mood: a closer look*

Chapter 7: *“Conditional” meanings are not always expressed by subjunctive*

Chapter 8: *When do we use the subjunctive mood?*

Chapter 9: *Subjunctive verbs in simple aspect*

Chapter 10: *Subjunctive verbs in perfect aspect*

Chapter 11: *Subjunctive verbs in progressive and perfect progressive aspects*

Chapter 12: *Recap: simple subjunctive vs. perfect subjunctive*

Chapter 13: *Subjunctive verbs in passive voice*

Chapter 14: *Auxiliary inversion in subjunctive verbs*

Chapter 15: *The “other” subjunctive mood used in expressing requests*

Reference 4.4: *Mood*

Assignment 4.4: *Mood*

Lecture 4.5—Modal Verbs

Chapter 1: *Modal verbs are special*

Chapter 2: *Modal verbs: always auxiliary verbs*

Chapter 3: *Modality: an extra layer of meaning*

Chapter 4: *Modal verbs + infinitives without “to”*

Chapter 5: *Modal finite verb forms: different aspects x active voice*

Chapter 6: *Modal finite verb forms: different aspects x passive voice*

Chapter 7: *Recap: all modal finite verb forms*

Chapter 8: *Forming questions with modal finite verbs*

Chapter 9: *The modality of “can”*

Chapter 10: *The modality of “could”*

Chapter 11: *The modality of “may” and “might”*

Chapter 12: *The modality of “will” and “would”*

Chapter 13: *The modality of “shall” and “should”*

Chapter 14: *The modality of “must”*

Chapter 15: *“Half-modal” verbs*

Chapter 16: *Modal verbs cannot be in imperative mood*

Chapter 17: *Replacements for modal verbs (when tense is needed)*

Reference 4.5: *Modal Verbs*

Assignment 4.5: *Modal Verbs*

Section 4 Test: *The Elements of Clauses—The Finite Verb*

Section 5: The Elements of Clauses—The Object(s)

Lecture 5.1—An Overview of Objects

Chapter 1: *The grammatical role of objects*

Chapter 2: *Both finite and non-finite verbs can have objects*

Chapter 3: *Objects of the finite verb: independent objects in a clause*

Chapter 4: *One direct object, one indirect object*

Chapter 5: *Direct object: an overview*

Chapter 6: *Only transitive verbs have direct objects*

Chapter 7: *Indirect object: an overview*

Chapter 8: *Only one direct and one indirect object per verb*

Chapter 9: *More on passive versions of clauses with objects*

Chapter 10: *Objects depend on the verb*

Reference 5.1: *An Overview of Objects*

Assignment 5.1: *An Overview of Objects*

Lecture 5.2—The Direct Object

Chapter 1: *Recap: grammatical objects*

Chapter 2: *Number and type of objects depend on the verb*

Chapter 3: *Transitive verbs never have prepositions after them*

Chapter 4: *Direct object: word order*

Chapter 5: *Direct objects: noun phrases, pronouns, or noun clauses*

Chapter 6: *Recap: objects of finite vs non-finite verbs*

(extra) Chapter 7: *"Phrasal" verbs: transitive or intransitive? (in revision)*

Reference 5.2: *The Direct Object*

Assignment 5.2: *The Direct Object*

Lecture 5.3—The Indirect Object

Chapter 1: *Indirect object: a closer look*

Chapter 2: *Indirect object of the finite verb*

Chapter 3: *Indirect object: role and word order*

Chapter 4: *Using prepositions “to” and “for” to express indirect relationships* **Chapter 5:** *Indirect objects: noun phrases, pronouns, or noun clauses*

Reference 5.3: *The Indirect Object*

Assignment 5.3: *The Indirect Object*

Section 5 Test: *The Elements of Clauses—The Object(s)*

Section 6: The Elements of Clauses—Modifiers

Lecture 6.1—An Overview of Modifiers

- Chapter 1:** *What are modifiers?*
- Chapter 2:** *A clause can have any number of modifiers*
- Chapter 3:** *Modifiers: adjectives and adverbs*
- Chapter 4:** *Modifiers: word order and “topicalization”*
- Chapter 5:** *Modifiers within modifiers*
- Chapter 6:** *Modifiers: not just single words*
- Chapter 7:** *Types of modifiers: an overview*

- Reference 6.1:** *An Overview of Modifiers*
- Assignment 6.1:** *An Overview of Modifiers*

Lecture 6.2—Single-word Modifiers + Special Time Adverbs

- Chapter 1:** *Recap: what are modifiers?*
- Chapter 2:** *Single-word adjectives and adverbs: straight from the dictionary*
- Chapter 3:** *Single-word predicate adjectives*
- Chapter 4:** *Single-word attributive adjectives (with noun phrases)*
- Chapter 5:** *Topicalization of single-word adjectives (not common)*
- Chapter 6:** *Topicalization of single-word adjectives of pronouns*
- Chapter 7:** *Single-word adverbs: two broad types*
- Chapter 8:** *Core sentence adverbs*
- Chapter 9:** *Adverbs from adjectives*
- Chapter 10:** *Adverbs modifying other modifiers*
- Chapter 11:** *Comparative and superlative forms*
- Chapter 12:** *Things to note when expressing comparative meanings*
- Chapter 13:** *Special time adverbs*

(extra) Chapter 14: Verbs expressing special meanings with specific single-word adverbs (in revision)

- Reference 6.2:** *Single-word Modifiers + Special Time Adverbs*
- Assignment 6.2:** *Single-word Modifiers + Special Time Adverbs*

Lecture 6.3—Prepositional Phrases

- Chapter 1:** *Single-word modifiers vs. prepositional phrases*
- Chapter 2:** *Internal structure of prepositional phrases*
- Chapter 3:** *Noun phrases after prepositions*
- Chapter 4:** *Independent adverbs + topicalization*
- Chapter 5:** *Prepositional phrases as adjectives*
- Chapter 6:** *Topicalization of prepositional adjectives of the subject*
- Chapter 7:** *Prepositional phrases within other modifiers*
- Chapter 8:** *Overview of all prepositions*
- Chapter 9:** *Intransitive verbs with prepositions*
- Chapter 10:** *Transitive verbs with prepositions*
- Chapter 11:** *“After”, “before”, “since”, “until”: prepositions vs. conjunctions*
- Chapter 12:** *“To”: preposition vs. infinitive marker*

(extra) Chapter 13: Verbs expressing special meanings with specific prepositional phrases (in revision)

- Reference 6.3:** *Prepositional Phrases*
- Assignment 6.3:** *Prepositional Phrases (+ extra assignment on "phrasal" verbs)*

Lecture 6.4—Participial Phrases

Chapter 1: Participles (non-finite verbs) and participial phrases

Chapter 2: Present vs. past participles: forms

Chapter 3: Participial phrases as adjectives

Chapter 4: Participial phrases as adverbs

Chapter 5: Present participial phrases

Chapter 6: Past participial phrases

Chapter 7: Present vs. past participle phrases

Chapter 8: Verbs complemented by participial phrases

Chapter 9: Topicalization: why do we do it?

Chapter 10: “If found, call this number”

Chapter 11: Other aspects and voices

Reference 6.4: Participial Phrases

Assignment 6.4: Participial Phrases

Lecture 6.5—Infinitive Phrases

Chapter 1: Infinitive marker “to”

Chapter 2: Objects inside infinitive phrases

Chapter 3: Modal + infinitive vs. infinitive phrase

Chapter 4: Verbs complemented by infinitive phrases

Chapter 5: Intransitive verbs complemented by infinitive phrases

Chapter 6: Transitive verbs complemented by infinitive phrases

Chapter 7: Other verbs complemented by infinitive phrases

Chapter 8: Using infinitive phrases to express purpose

Chapter 9: Infinitives phrases as adverbs: when can we topicalize?

Chapter 10: Infinitive phrases as adjectives

Chapter 11: Confusing point: infinitive phrases can be subjects

Chapter 12: Infinitive phrases vs. “that”-clauses

Chapter 13: Other aspects and voices

Chapter 14: Transitive causative verbs/verbs of perception + object + infinitive phrase without “to”

Reference 6.5: Infinitive Phrases

Assignment 6.5: Infinitive Phrases

Lecture 6.6—Relative Clauses (Extension)

Chapter 1: Relative clauses: an extension

Chapter 2: Relative clauses vs. other adjectives

Chapter 3: Recap: what is “relative”?

Chapter 4: The relative pronoun plays two roles

Chapter 5: Recap: what are the relative pronouns?

Chapter 6: Recap: different roles of relative pronouns in relative clauses

Chapter 7: Relative adverbs

Chapter 8: Restrictive vs. non-restrictive relative clauses

Reference 6.6: Relative Clauses (Extension)

Assignment 6.6: Relative Clauses (Extension)

Section 6 Test: The Elements of Clauses—Modifiers



Section 7: Summary

Lecture 7.1 — Putting It All Together

Chapter 1: *Recap: linking and embedding clauses*

Chapter 2: *Recap: the elements of a clause*

Chapter 3: *Breaking down sentences with this framework*

Chapter 4: *A harder example*

Chapter 5: *Building sentences*

Reference 7.1: *Putting It All Together*

Assignment 7.1: *Putting It All Together*

Final Test