



## 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 “subordinate clauses”*

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

**Chapter 4:** *“Subordinate” vs. “coordinate” clauses*

**Chapter 5:** *A list of subordinating conjunctions*

*(Please see “Extra Lecture: Section 6” for a more in-depth explanation of the structural role of clauses linked by 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?*

**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*

**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*

**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)

**Extra Lecture**—Clarification: Clauses “linked” by subordinating conjunctions (L2.3) are actually embedded modifier clauses

**Extra Lecture: Reference and Assignment:** Clarifying the structural role of clauses linked by subordinating conjunctions

**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**