

# 15: SENTENCE ANALYSIS

Analyze these **Complex Sentences** that emphasize **Subordinate Adverb Clauses**. Although each **Subordinate Adverb Clause** could be analyzed by itself, treat it as being equal to one **Adverb**. These sentences are not divided into Parts of Speech to make them a little more challenging. Identify each Part of the Sentence using the various underline and bracket styles shown below. Having the sentences printed on paper may be the best way to do the analyses. To easily make any changes or corrections, pencil is recommended.

Source: Based on **Exercise 42** in Exercises in the Structure of English, First Book (1963), by Gordon H. Allison.

Answers are provided at the end of Stairway to Grammar.

## Symbols for Graphic Analysis of Parts of the Sentence

- SUBJECTS (including Noun Clauses): wavy underline (When the subject 'You' is understood or not written, write You in a box with a wavy underline)
- VERBS (Action): solid underline
- VERBS (Non-Action): double solid underline
- DIRECT OBJECTS: broken underline
- INDIRECT OBJECTS: dotted underline
- SUBJECTIVE COMPLETIONS: double wavy underline
- (ADJECTIVES) (ADJECTIVE PHRASES) (ADJECTIVE CLAUSES): round brackets
- [ADVERBS] [ADVERB PHRASES] [ADVERB CLAUSES]: square brackets
- <COORDINATE CONJUNCTIONS>: arrow brackets

Based on Exercise 42 (Subordinate Adverb Clauses)

1. Fish ascend and descend in the water because they have an air bladder.
2. He plants the shrubs where there is the most shade.
3. The boy was a better runner because he had trained well.
4. When the lilies bloomed, she often roamed through the fields.

5. It was so wet that we were forced to stay indoors.
6. As we went along by the canal, he showed me some expensive boats.
7. The boy tugged at the colt until he got him back.
8. I brought this picture in order that you might see it.
9. Since you believed this for a long time, a different opinion becomes a challenge .
10. If you will help me, this job will be very easy for us.
11. Whenever I meet him, he greets me pleasantly.
12. The bus was later than it had been for weeks.
13. Before you leave, I shall give you a cup of tea.
14. None will go there now because it is too dangerous.
15. The boy had grown so that his jacket was now too small.
16. Cut the paper into eight pieces as Alice has done.
17. While John was digging in the garden, he found an old coin.
18. When he got home a sad spectacle confronted him.
19. He turned his car to the right so that the truck could pass safely.
20. The celebrity has never had a quiet moment since her fans crowded around her.
21. As the insect now had dry wings, it flew quickly across the field.
22. While the tired athlete slept, he dreamed about the next Olympics.
23. If you have the courage, we shall climb so high where they cannot see us.
24. John remained where he was until nightfall.
25. Though both were hardened criminals, the sight of the crying little boy gave them some concern.
26. When the humidity in the room dampened the paper supply, the printing presses constantly jammed.
27. As the warm wind passes through the clouds, it fills them with water vapour.
28. He sent for his lawyer since he was obliged to stay longer.
29. When she was alone with the ladies, she became less talkative.
30. The woman crossed the street when she went around the sidewalk construction.

- 31. If the day proves to be pleasant, we shall hold a family picnic.**
- 32. Since she dislikes tea, we shall have to drink coffee.**
- 33. Wherever Mary went, the lamb was there with her.**
- 34. We could not overtake them although we increased our speed.**
- 35. They resisted oppression with such spirit that they did not lose their liberty.**
- 36. If I have any money, I will give it to you.**
- 37. In order that they might cross the river more easily, the men joined small boats together.**
- 38. They left home in the night so that no one might see them.**
- 39. Because he had failed in business, his family was destitute.**
- 40. The day proved much more pleasant than we had expected.**