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Adjective, Adverb, and Noun Clauses

Definition

These are dependent clauses that function as specific parts of speech. **Adjective clauses** modify nouns or pronouns. **Adverb clauses** modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. **Noun clauses** function as nouns in sentences.

Example

Type	Example	Modifies/Functions as
Adjective Clause	"The book that you recommended was excellent."	Modifies "book"
Adverb Clause	"I'll call you when I arrive home."	Modifies verb "call"
Noun Clause	"What she said surprised everyone."	Functions as subject

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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the type of dependent clause (adjective, adverb, or noun clause) in each underlined portion.

1. The Great Barrier Reef, which stretches over 2,300 kilometers along Australia's coast, is the world's largest coral reef system.

- a) adjective clause
- b) adverb clause
- c) noun clause
- d) independent clause

2. Marine biologists study what happens when ocean temperatures rise too quickly.

- a) adjective clause
- b) adverb clause
- c) noun clause
- d) independent clause

3. When coral experiences temperature stress, it expels the algae living in its tissues, causing coral bleaching.

- a) adjective clause
- b) adverb clause
- c) noun clause
- d) independent clause

4. The location where different coral species thrive depends on water depth, temperature, and sunlight.

- a) adjective clause
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5. Researchers discovered that climate change threatens approximately one-third of reef-building coral species.

- a) adjective clause
- b) adverb clause
- c) noun clause
- d) independent clause

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with the appropriate type of dependent clause as directed in parentheses.

1. The coral polyps, _____ (adjective clause describing coral polyps), build the reef's calcium carbonate structure.

2. _____ (noun clause as subject) has alarmed marine scientists worldwide.

3. Tourists can view the spectacular reef formations _____ (adverb clause showing time).

4. The Great Barrier Reef provides habitat for numerous fish species _____ (adjective clause describing fish species).

5. The coral spawning occurs annually _____ (adverb clause showing condition).

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Adjective, Adverb, and Noun Clauses – Answer Key**Answer Key****Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions**

1. a) adjective clause (modifies "The Great Barrier Reef")
2. c) noun clause (functions as the direct object of "study")
3. b) adverb clause (modifies the verb "expels" by showing when)
4. a) adjective clause (modifies "location")
5. c) noun clause (functions as the direct object of "discovered")

Part 2: Fill in the Blank**Possible answers:**

1. (adjective clause): which are tiny marine animals / that build colonies together / which extract calcium from seawater
2. (noun clause as subject): What scientists have observed about coral bleaching / How quickly the reef is deteriorating / That the reef lost over 50% of its coral since 1995
3. (adverb clause showing time): when they snorkel in the clear waters / after the rainy season ends / while exploring the outer reef areas
4. (adjective clause): that cannot survive in any other ecosystem / which depend on coral for protection and food / that have adapted to specific reef habitats
5. (adverb clause showing condition): if water temperatures and moon cycles are optimal / unless pollution disrupts the natural cycle / when environmental conditions are just right