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| 9 | Content Clauses | SIEG 10.1 (pp. 174 - 181 ) | pg 181 2, 3, 4 |

2In each of the following pairs, embed a subordinate counterpart of the main clause [a] in the position marked '[ . . . ]' in [b] , and identify the clause type and function of the subordinate clause.

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| prompt | clause | clause type | clause function |
| i a. Why did she resign ?  b. It's not clear to me [ . . . ]. | ...why she resigned | open interrogative | extraposed subject of be |
| ii a. It was a hoax.  b. Few people believe the rumour [ . . . ]. | ...that it was a hoax | declarative | complement to the noun rumour |
| iii a. Is it a serious threat?  b. [ . . . ] remains to be seen. | If it is a serious threat... | closed interrogative | subject of the remain |
| iv a. Who originated the idea ?  b. No one knows [ . . . ]. | ...who originated the idea. | open interrogative | complement of  the verb know |
| v a. They moved to Boston.  b. I met them several times before [ . . . ]. | they (had) moved to Boston. | declarative | complement of the preposition before |
| vi a. What a bargain it was.  b. She told me [ . . . ]. | what a bargain it was. | exclamative | complement of the verb tell |
| vii a. You will get your money back.  b. I 'm determined [ . . . ]. | that I get my money back | mandative | complement of the verb determined |
| viii a. Can we rely on them ?  b. I 'm not certain [ . . . ]. | ...if we can rely on them. | closed interrogative | complement of the adjective certain |
| ix a. It was a serious mistake.  b. [ . . . ] is now indisputable. | That it was a serious mistake... | declarative | subject of the verb be |
| x a. Do you have any idea how much it  cost?  b. I 'm not sure [ . . . ]. | ...how much it cost. | open interrogative | complement of adjective sure |

3 . For each of the lexemes below, say whether or not it can license the following types of content clause complement : (a) mandative; (b) other declarative; (c) closed interrogative; (d) open interrogative; (e) exclama­tive. (Note that closed interrogatives sometimes occur more readily in non-affirmative than in affirmative contexts: before giving a 'no' answer for (c), therefore, test with a negative matrix clause as well as a positive one.) Give an example to support each 'yes' answer.

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|  | clause type | example |
| advise | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | Bob advised Mary that John be warned of the risks  Bob advised that I warn John | | declarative | Bob advised that John should be warned of the risks.  (this is not the special British use of should that book mentions (pg 177 top) | | closed interrogative | Bob didn’t advise whether/if we should dress formally or casually. | | open interrogative | Bob didn’t advise how many people should be admitted.  Bob didn’t advise what cares had to be taken. | | exclamative | \* | | |
| ask | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | Bob asked that we be as gentle as possible. | | declarative | \* | | closed interrogative | Bob asked if/whether Mary liked anchovies. | | open interrogative | Bob asked (Mary) how many toppings John wanted on the pizza. | | exclamative | \* | | |
| convince | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | Bob convinced Mary that she stay indoors | | declarative | The information **didn't convince** us that the proposal was good. | | closed interrogative | The evidence did not convince (us) if/whether the defendant was at the scene of the crime(or not). | | open interrogative | \* | | exclamative | \* | | |
| doubt | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | Bob doubted that Mary was ready to go. | | closed interrogative | Bob didn’t doubt whether/if Mary was ready (or not) | | open interrogative | Bob doubted how much money Mary had in the bank. | | exclamative |  | | |
| forget | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | Bob forgot that it was Saturday. | | closed interrogative | Bob forgot if/whether it was Saturday or Sunday | | open interrogative | Bob forgot how many people he had invited to the party. | | exclamative | Bob forgot what an amazing singer Mary was | | |
| idea  (noun) | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | The idea that Mary be sent to the front scared Bob. | | declarative | The idea that the earth is flat is ridiculous | | closed interrogative | \* | | open interrogative | \* | | exclamative | \* | | |
| inquire | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | \* | | closed interrogative | Bob inquired whether/if Mary had friends in prison. | | open interrogative | The butler inquired which hat was the queen’s favorite. | | exclamative | \* | | |
| learn | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | Bob learned that his letter never arrived. | | closed interrogative | Bob learned whether to speak up or stay quiet in an argument | | open interrogative | In the course, Bob learned what to do in an emergency. | | exclamative | Bob learned how painful the sting was. | | |
| realise | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | Mary realised that it had been months since she visited her parents. | | closed interrogative | Mary didn’t realise if/whether she had telephoned them that week(or not). | | open interrogative | Bob didn’t realise what risks were involved in hitch hiking. | | exclamative | Jane realised what a waste of money it was | | |
| sense | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | Jane sensed that someone needed her help. | | closed interrogative | Mary didn’t sense whether/if they were in danger (or not). | | open interrogative | Jane sensed what Mary wanted. | | exclamative | Mary sensed how insensitive Jane could be | | |

Here is another selection of complement taking lexemes; the instructions are the same as for the previous exercise, except that for the two adjectives the issue is whether they license the various kinds of content clause as subject (or as extraposed subject).

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|  | clause type | example |
| amazing | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | It’s amazing that she still remembers my birthday. | | closed interrogative | \* | | open interrogative | It’s amazing what silly Mary can do | | exclamative | It’s amazing how silly Mary can act | | |
| belief | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative |  | | declarative | The belief that exercise is good for you is widespread | | closed interrogative | \* | | open interrogative | \* | | exclamative |  | | |
| decision | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | The decision that the king be decapitated did not help the revolution.  The decision that the king should be decapitated ... | | declarative | I accepted his decision that he wished to die with dignity. | | closed interrogative | \* | | open interrogative | \* | | exclamative | \* | | |
| feel | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | The king felt that he had been a good sovereign. | | closed interrogative | \* | | open interrogative | \* | | exclamative | The king felt what a cruel world it was. | | |
| grasp  (verb) | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | Mary grasped that she had said something inadequate. | | closed interrogative | Mary didn’t grasp if/whether she had said something inadequate. | | open interrogative | Mary didn’t grasp what the consequences of her opinions were. | | exclamative | Mary grasped what danger she was in. | | |
| important | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | It is important that Bob be informed of our decision.  That he be informed is important. | | declarative | It is important that Bob knows of our decision.  That he knows is important | | closed interrogative | It is (not) important if/whether he is informed (or not).  Whether he is informed is (not) important. | | open interrogative | It is (not) important how much he knows about the disscussion.  How much he knows about the disscussion is (not) important. | | exclamative | \* | | |
| know | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | Bob knows that he is a lucky guy. | | closed interrogative | Bob doesn’t know if/whether he is a lucky guy. | | open interrogative | I (don’t) know what I have been told. | | exclamative | Bob knows what a lucky guy he is. | | |
| question  (noun) | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | \* | | closed interrogative | Mary questioned if/whether the rules of the game were followed | | open interrogative | Mary questioned what happened to the dog on the night of the incident. | | exclamative | \* | | |
| require | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | The committee required that Bob wrote the report himself.  The committee required that the report be written at once. | | declarative | The agreement requires that each country deals with its carbon emissions. | | closed interrogative | \* | | open interrogative | \* | | exclamative | \* | | |
| wonder | |  |  | | --- | --- | | mandative | \* | | declarative | \* | | closed interrogative | Bob wondered whether/if the fans would enjoy the new album. | | open interrogative | Bob wondered what the fans would think of the new album. | | exclamative | \* | | |