

HAVING FUN WITH DEPENDENT CLAUSES

**Cook / Handout #1
Honors English 10
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NOUN CLAUSES: Diagram these!

1. Whoever is interested in mountain climbing should read *Mountaineering* by Alan Blackshaw.
2. That mountain climbing requires strength and courage is well known.
3. What makes mountain climbing exciting is that it is dangerous and demanding.
4. Whatever happens during the climb can endanger the climber.
5. Until a climb is finished, no one knows how it will end.
6. Why someone would want to climb a mountain is easy to understand.
7. What many mountain climbers say is that the existence of a mountain is reason enough to want to climb it.
8. Whoever questions such an answer would never be found on the side of a mountain.
9. What challenges climbers is whatever seems dangerous yet immensely rewarding.
10. Where no one has been is where daring people want to go.

ADVERB CLAUSES: Diagram these!

1. Wherever he went, Henry David Thoreau made an impression.
2. Although Thoreau died in 1862, his writings still excite readers.
3. Thoreau earned his place in history because he believed in the power of the individual.
4. As Thoreau saw it, life would be richer if everyone were more self-reliant.
5. Thoreau did not favor selfishness, however, since he believed in harmonious cooperation among people.
6. If someone needed help, Thoreau gave it because that was the moral thing to do.
7. He sympathized when anyone, even an animal, was hurt or suffering.
8. Although Thoreau believed in human cooperation, he lived alone during an important part of his life.
9. Thoreau wrote essays while he was living alone at Walden Pond.
10. If he had not lived at Walden Pond, Thoreau might not have written *Walden*.

ADJECTIVE CLAUSES: Diagram these!

1. William Sydney Porter wrote stories under a pseudonym, which is another word for pen name.
2. Porter, who lived from 1862 to 1910, used the pseudonym O. Henry.
3. Porter contributed articles to a humor magazine, which he had founded in Texas in 1894.
4. He wrote a daily column that was humorous and witty.
5. As O. Henry, Porter published many stories that were sympathetic and touching.
6. He created unusual plots that ended in surprising ways.
7. *The Four Million*, which is a collection of O. Henry's short stories, was published in 1906.
8. "The Gift of the Magi" is a story that many people enjoy.
9. Another O. Henry literary creation that is very popular is "The Third Ingredient."
10. Readers who enjoy the unusual and the humorous will delight in O. Henry's stories.