Building Complex Sentences with Dependent Clauses [1]

Level: Advanced (C-Level)

Practice 4

Instructions. Based on this lesson about dependent and independent clauses, revise the sentences below by omitting the portion with the verb "be" whenever possible. If it is not possible, write "(no change)" in the space provided; otherwise, write the whole revised sentence there.

Example 1: That book that is on the table belongs to Jack.
Revised sentence 1: That book on the table belongs to Jack.

Example 2: The woman I was talking to at the party was Professor Ecks's daughter.
Revised sentence 2: (no change)

When you are done, see "Answer Key" to check your answers.

1. The man that is in the blue suit over there is my uncle.

   Revised sentence: _____

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2. The students that are enrolled in this course have very diverse backgrounds.

   Revised sentence: _____

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3. The man who was arrested for shoplifting yesterday turned out to be completely innocent.

   Revised sentence: _____

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4. The people who were sitting in the back of the room could barely hear the speaker.

   Revised sentence: _____

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5. The clothes that are sold at this store are quite affordable.

   Revised sentence: _____

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6. The course that is about comparative linguistics is taught only in the spring semester.

   Revised sentence: _____

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7. The ideas that children come up with are often amusing.

   Revised sentence: _____

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8. Jack Hammer, who is the president of the company, is retiring this year.

   Revised sentence: _____

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9. The experiments that are being conducted in this lab are very innovative.

   Revised sentence: _____

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10. The library that was destroyed by last year's tornado is finally being rebuilt.

    Revised sentence: _____

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11. The Spielberg movie that was released last month has been receiving excellent reviews.

    Revised sentence: _____

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12. A dependent clause that is written by itself creates an incomplete sentence.

    Revised sentence: _____

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