



Noun Clauses Inquiry Worksheet: Exploring Language Structure

Learning Objectives

- Identify and analyze noun clauses in context
- Understand the different functions of noun clauses in sentences
- Examine how noun clauses can serve as subjects, objects, and complements

Background Context

The video discusses noun clauses using an example of bicycle rentals in Paris, demonstrating how these linguistic structures function in communication.

Inquiry Investigation

Part 1: Clause Detection

Identify the noun clauses in the following sentences:

1. I learned that bicycles were available everywhere.
2. How the bikes were paid for was something I was curious about.
3. She told me that it was easy to rent a bike.

Part 2: Clause Function Analysis

For each noun clause you identified, determine its grammatical function:

- Subject
- Direct Object
- Complement
- Indirect Object

Part 3: Transformation Exercise

Take three sentences from the video and rewrite them, changing the noun clause's position or structure while maintaining the original meaning.

Part 4: Critical Thinking Questions

1. How do noun clauses contribute to more complex and nuanced communication?
2. Compare and contrast noun clauses with other types of dependent clauses.
3. Why might a writer or speaker choose to use a noun clause instead of a simpler sentence structure?

Reflection Component

Write a short paragraph (100-150 words) exploring how understanding noun clauses can improve your communication skills.

Bonus Challenge

Create your own paragraph about urban transportation that includes at least three different noun clauses with varied functions.

Submission Guidelines

- Provide clear, grammatically correct responses
- Demonstrate critical thinking
- Show understanding of noun clause structures

Assessment Criteria

- Accuracy of clause identification
- Depth of grammatical analysis
- Critical thinking in reflection
- Creativity in bonus challenge