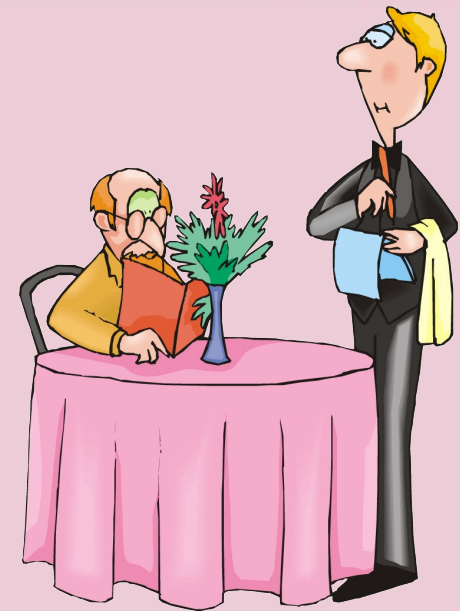


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Noun Clauses: Subjects, Objects, and Complements

Dining Out



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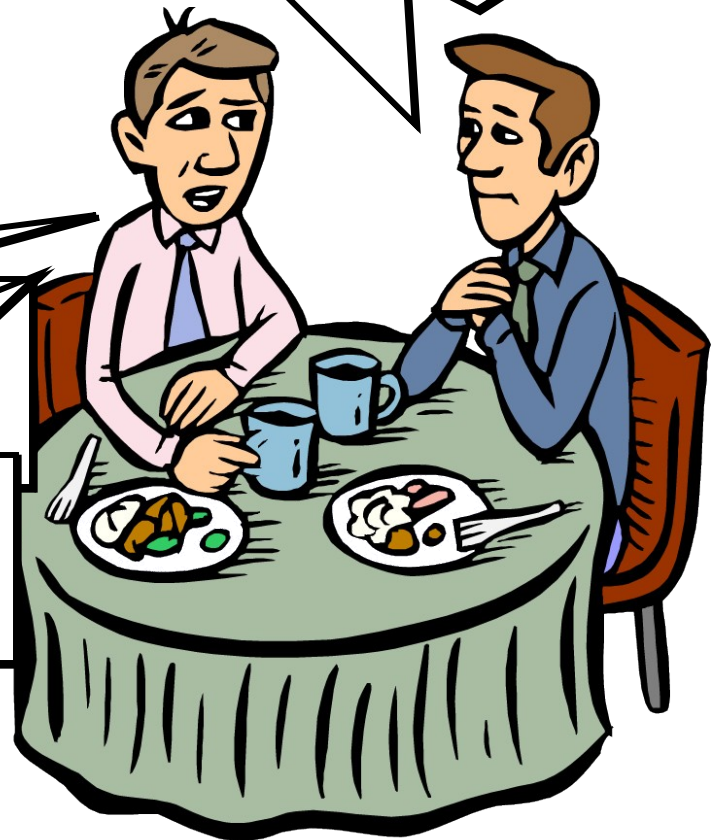
Should We Leave a Tip?



What this waiter needs is some more training. leave a tip is a terrible!

It's a miracle that we receive our food at all. He was terrible!

I wonder whether or not we should leave a tip for the waiter.



Noun Clauses 1



Noun clauses are dependent clauses that perform the same functions that regular nouns do. Noun clauses begin with ***that***, **question words**, or ***whether*** or ***if***.

I'm not sure **whether** this is funny or not.

Can you explain **how** this landed on my head?



It's clear **that** I won't get a tip tonight.

Noun Clauses 2



Noun clauses can be **subjects, objects, subject complements, or adjective complements.**

Subject

What's painful is the hot coffee.

Object

I don't understand **why she doesn't hang up.**

Subject Complement

The question is **whether she's going to stop.**

Adjective Complement

It's **frustrating** that she's not paying attention.



Noun Clauses with *That*

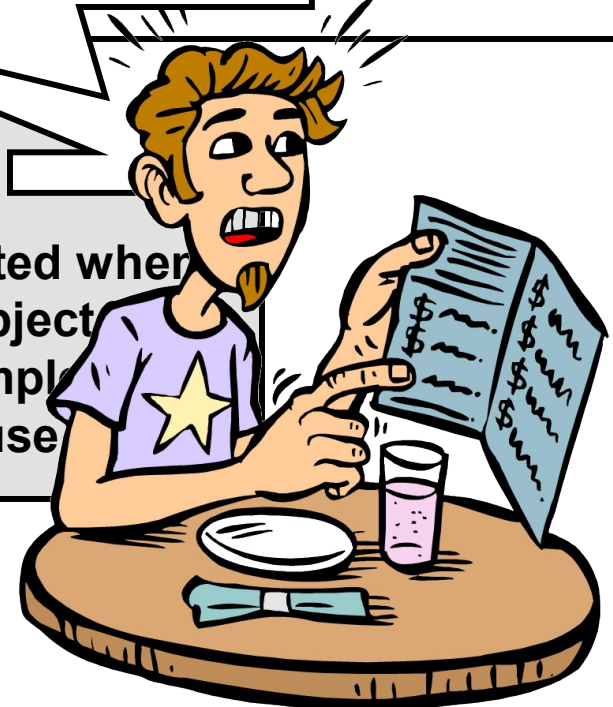
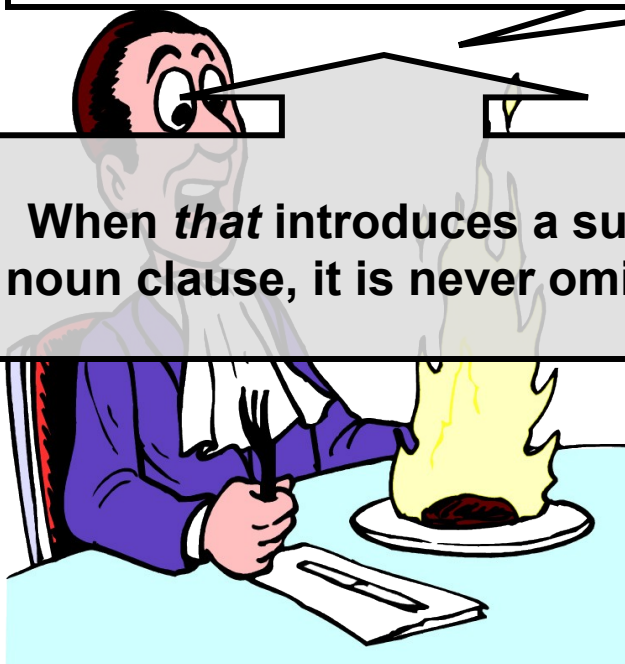


We use the word ***that*** to introduce certain noun clauses. In such cases, ***that*** is a grammatical word that simply introduces a clause. It has no clear meaning.

That these prices are so high is outrageous. **reorder.**

When ***that*** introduces a subject noun clause, it is never omitted.

That can be omitted when it introduces an object clause or a complement noun clause.



Practice 1

Use the clause introducers to make sentences with noun clauses to explain the picture.

Examples: My boss told me **that...**

What I need right now is...

What I need right now is a break.



My boss told me (that) I should be more careful.

1) What's funny is...

2) It appears that...

3) That ... is very clear.

4) I notice that...

5) That ... is very interesting.

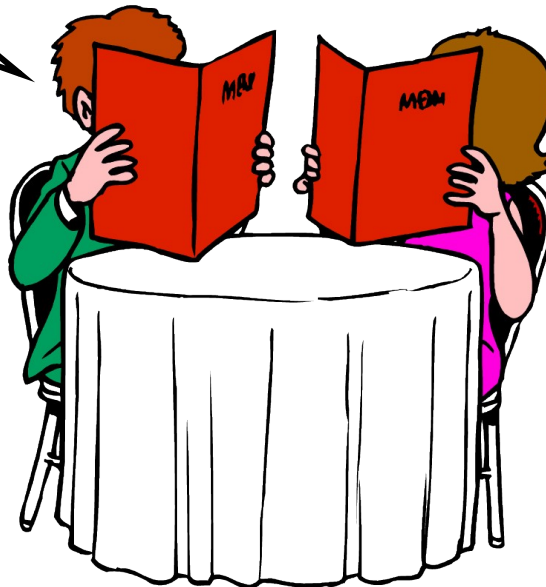
6) It's likely that...

Embedded Questions 1



A question that is changed to a noun clause is called an **embedded question**. We use statement word order in embedded questions, not question word order.

What do you want to order?



I'm not sure what I want to order.

Statement Order

Embedded Questions 2



Embedded questions are more polite than direct questions.



Are there any tables next to a window?

Direct Question

Can you tell me if there are any tables next to a window?

Embedded Question

Embedded Questions 3

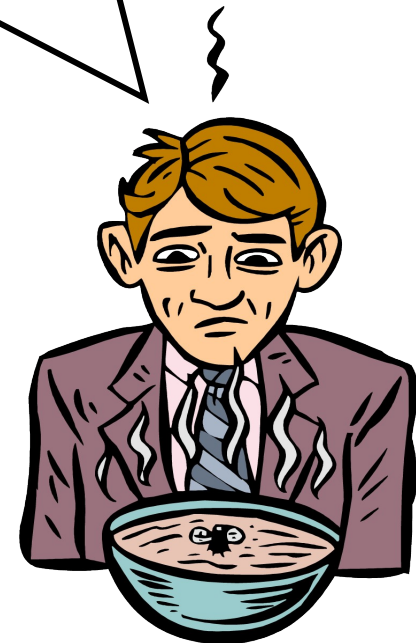


An embedded question can occur within a statement or within another question. Notice the difference in **punctuation**.

Can someone explain **why** there is lipstick on my glass ?



I'm not sure **how** this fly got into my soup .



Be Careful!



Do not use ***do***, ***does***, or ***did*** in embedded questions.



I don't know **how**
that happened.

Practice 2

Change the direct questions below to embedded questions. Use *wh-* question words and the prompts below.

Example: How does she carry all those plates?

I don't know **how she carries all those plates.**

I wonder...

I don't know...

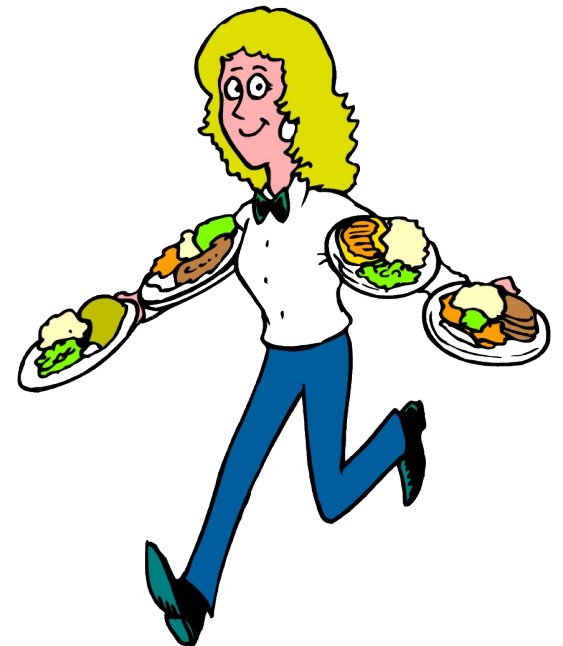
She/He asked me...

We're not sure...

Can you tell me...

Do you know...

1. What is the soup of the day?
2. When will the food be ready?
3. How did the chef make this?
4. Who was your waitress?
5. Where is the restroom?



Embedded Questions 4

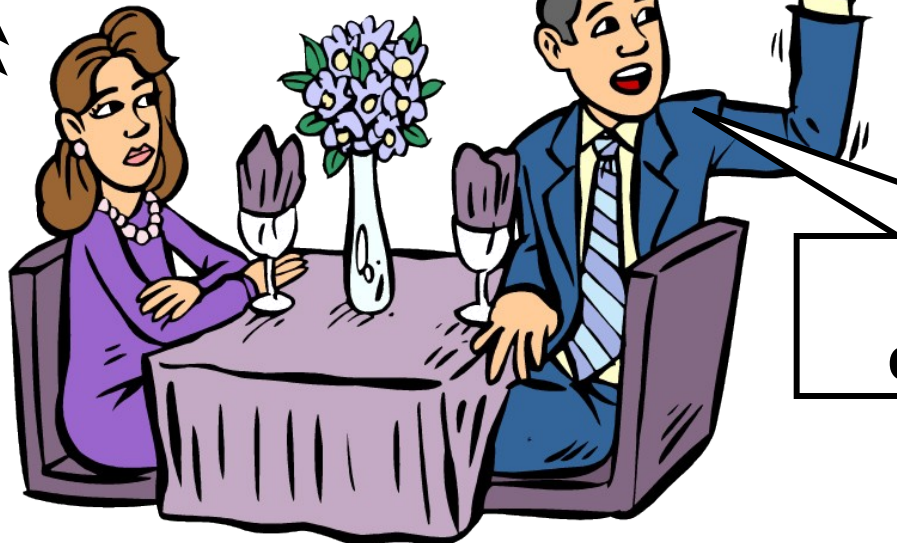


We use *if* and *whether (or not)* to introduce **embedded yes/no questions**. *If* and *whether (or not)* are similar in meaning and can often be used interchangeably.

Could we get the bill?

I wonder **whether (or not)** we could get the bill.

Is the waiter coming back?



Practice 3

Change the direct questions to embedded questions. Use if, whether, or whether or not and the prompts below.

Example: Is something burning?

I wonder...**if something is burning.**

I wonder...

I don't know...

She/He asked me...

We're not sure...

Can you tell me...

Do you know...

1. Do you accept credit cards?
2. Is the soup spicy?
3. Are there any lunch specials?
4. Can we look at a menu?
5. Did the waiter include a tip in the bill?



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