

Phrases and Clauses

A. Identify the principal clause (P) and subordinate clause or clauses (S) in the following sentences. Define the type of subordinate clause.

1. Mili spoke as though she were a born orator.

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2. They felt that the criminal must be put to death.

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3. When at last he returned to the city, the people told him that everything had been washed away in the floods.

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4. The newspaper will tell us tomorrow what the flood situation is.

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5. Many of the books that were produced in the Middle Ages, were written by hand.

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B. State the phrase type in these sentences.

1. I hope to win the first prize.

2. The girl in brown frock is my sister.

3. Did you enjoy reading this novel?

4. She always drives with care.

5. They were shouting in a loud voice.

Answers

A.

1. Principal clause – Mili spoke; subordinate adverb clause – as though she were a born orator.
2. Principal clause – they felt; subordinate noun clause – that the criminal must be put to death
3. Principal clause – the people told him; subordinate adverb clause – when at last he returned to the city; subordinate noun clause – that everything had been washed away in the floods.
4. Principal clause – the newspaper will tell us tomorrow; subordinate noun clause – what the flood situation is.
5. Principal clause – Many of the books were written by hand; subordinate adjective clause – that were produced in the Middle Ages

B.

1. I hope to win the first prize. Noun
2. The girl in brown frock is my sister. Adjective
3. Did you enjoy reading this novel? Noun
4. She always drives with care. Adverb
5. They were shouting in a loud voice. Adverb