

Noun clause exercise

A noun clause serves the same purpose as a noun. Noun clauses are usually introduced by the subordinating conjunctions that, why, how, if and whether.

A noun clause can act as the subject or object of the verb in the main clause. It can also act as the object of a preposition.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate subordinating conjunction.

1. I often wonder he is getting on.

what

how

that

2. I want to know she is angry with me.

that

why

3. He asked me I knew his

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name.

if

that

unless

4. She said she would not come.

if

that

whether

5. I feel I will fail.

that

what

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6. I thought she would arrive.

that

what

7. you should cheat me hurts me.

What

That

Why

8. I don't know I can get out of this mess.

that

how

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9. I don't know he wants.

that

what

if

10. I went to see had happened.

how

that

what

11. Pay careful attention to
..... I am going to say.

that

what

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how

12. She told me she would be delighted to come.

as

that

Answers

1. I often wonder how he is getting on.
2. I want to know why she is angry with me.
3. He asked me if I knew his name.
4. She said that she would not come.
5. I feel that I will fail.
6. I thought that she would arrive.
7. That you should cheat me hurts me.
8. I don't know how I can get out of this mess.

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9. I don't know what he wants.

10. I went to see what had happened.

11. Pay careful attention to what I am going to say.

12. She told me that she would be delighted to come.