

More about noun clauses - part 2

A noun clause can be used in apposition to a noun or a pronoun. Study the following sentences.

Your statement that you didn't take the money can't be believed.

His belief that someday he would succeed cheered him through his failures.

The news that he is alive made us happy.

The belief that the soul is immortal is almost universal.

Noun clause as the complement of a verb of incomplete predication

In each of the following sentences the noun clause is used as the complement of a verb of incomplete predication.

My belief is that he will come.

It seems that he will top the list of successful candidates.

How to construct a sentence having a noun clause?

Making a sentence having a noun clause is very easy. One way is to begin a sentence like this:

He said that...

Whatever clause you put after 'that' will automatically become a noun clause.

He said that he would come.

He said that he would wait.

He said that he was not interested in the offer.

Instead of 'said' you can use any of the following verbs:

Know, believe, think, realize, feel, hope, understand, wish, see, notice, find, discover, note, hear, listen, tell, ask, request, explain, suggest, reply etc.

She suggested that I should consult a doctor.

I realized that I had made a mistake.

I believe that the soul is immortal.

I discovered that the boy was missing.