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Lecture 21 Reduction of Adverbial Clauses

What is an Adverb Clause

Independent Clause + Dependent Clause

Describes an action (verb):

- Last night at 8, I saw her in the street.
- While I was driving, I saw her in the street.

Types of Adverbial Clauses:

Time:

- When the teacher walks in, the students sit.

Cause/Effect:

- I am in Tehran because I am having a meeting next week.

Condition:

- If I study English, I can get a good job.

Contrast:

- Although I am studying English now, I will be studying my major soon.

How to Reduce Adverb Clauses – Steps 1,2

Your adverb clause must have the same subject as your independent clause:

While I am cooking, I listen to music.

➔ While am cooking, I listen to music.

If your adverb clause has a 'be' verb, omit it.

While I am cooking, I listen to music.

➔ While cooking, I listen to music.

How to Reduce Adverb Clauses – Steps 3,4

Change the verb to the present participle of verb + ing:

Before I **came** to the United States, I had taken English classes.

➔ Before **coming** to the United States, I had taken English classes.

Omit the subject and leave the past participle:

When students **are given** homework, they cannot have fun.

➔ When **given** homework, **students** cannot have fun.

How to Reduce Adverb Clauses – Step 5

BECAUSE needs special attention; it needs to be omitted as the conjunction

Because she hopes to get a degree in accounting, Cathy went back to school.

➔ Hoping to get a degree in accounting, Cathy went back to school.



Where to use Reduction of Adverbial Clause

BECAUSE ..., ...

IF ..., ...

WHEN ..., ...

Although ..., ...

The most important argument against visiting these places is concerned with the visitors 'safety. That is to say, **because these areas are habitat for several species, they are normally full of wild animals who may prey on humans.** Considering that the chief aim of these adventurous tourists is to visit natural habitats of certain animals from up close, they are prone to physical injury. A good illustration of this is visiting Cheetahs which are incredibly fast and can outrun any other living creature in the world ...

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Writing Task TWENTY-FOUR

Write two paragraphs for the following topics. Try to use a Reduction of Adverbial Clause.

Topic 1 – Banning cars from city centers encourages people to walk or cycle.

Topic 2 – People with higher education are more likely to find job.

Topic 3 – One of the advantages with home-schooling is that children can work at their own pace.

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