Clauses and Phrases Worksheet

1. Put (parentheses) around the phrase or phrases in each sentence:
   *** phrases often start with prepositions and have an object
   *** phrases can show you what a plane does to a cloud
   *** phrases can go wherever a rabbit (or a squirrel) can go
   *** phrases DO NOT have a subject or a verb!

1. The old man ran across the long, high bridge away from the monsters.

2. For many years he has been the football coach in our town.

3. Without a partner, the boy in the cool shirt could not enter the dance competition.

4. From the north came a freezing rain after the snowstorm.

5. We paddled our canoe slowly against the fast-moving current in the river.

6. Jazz, rock, and dance bands specialize in different musical forms.

7. Centuries ago musicians entertained in castles and great houses.

8. Some nobles maintained their own bands of musicians.

9. In the 1500’s, towns formed their own bands.

10. These bands remained popular in Europe and the Americas.

11. Radios and recorded music have put town bands out of business.

12. In Mexico town bands still entertain the citizens.

13. They play marimbas, instruments like xylophones.

14. In the West Indies, steel-drum bands are popular.

15. Their instruments are made from steel oil drums or barrels.

16. Bagpipe bands are especially popular in Scotland.

17. Marching bands dress in fancy uniforms.

18. The drum major, with a tall hat and a baton, leads the band.
19. These bands often march in complex formations.

20. People of all ages usually enjoy band music.

II. Write S in the space provided if the clause is a subordinate clause. Write IC in the space provided if the clause is an independent clause.

*** subordinate (dependent) clauses start with a subordinating conjunction
*** subordinate (dependent) clauses have BOTH a subject and a verb
*** subordinate (dependent) clauses CANNOT stand alone!

__ 1. That store opens at nine o’clock.
__ 2. Unless you plan on leaving.
__ 3. Whatever the circumstances are.
__ 4. Bottled water was delivered to their door.
__ 5. Go away.
__ 6. If our ship arrives early.
__ 7. Whenever we finish this task.
__ 8. During the power failure, our lights went out.
__ 9. Stop.*
__10. Although the dam broke.
__11. Laughing and splashing, the two played in the pool.
__12. After I run these errands.
__13. Mr. Dobbins loves chocolate chip cookies.
__14. From the time I was three years old.
__15. Harriet vowed never to do that again.

** Remember that the understood you is often the subject of a sentence or command.
III. Write C in the space provided if the group of words is a clause (has a subject and verb). Write P in the space provided if the group of words is a phrase (NO subject or verb).

__ 1. Without supper

__ 2. Danced in the breeze

__ 3. Our oven needs a cleaning

__ 4. After my homework was finished

III. continued: Write C in the space provided if the group of words is a clause (has a subject and verb). Write P in the space provided if the group of words is a phrase (NO subject or verb).

__ 5. Participating in a game

__ 6. The man in the park

__ 7. Even though I agreed

__ 8. Hurried down the lane

__ 9. Leaves have fallen from the trees

__10. Hanging on the wall over the fireplace

__11. No one emptied the trash

__12. Those large, white eggs on the table

__13. Our basement is a storage area

__14. If I could skate faster

__15. Regardless of the telephones dial tone

IV. In the following sentences:
   • Underline the subordinate clauses once.
• Double underline the **independent clauses** twice.
• Put parenthesis ( ) around the **phrases**.

1. If you submit the assignment on time you will obtain a better mark.

2. A good report should be well presented.

3. The students who attended the lecture were well prepared.

4. The Student Learning Center help students with their learning, especially if they are having difficulties.

5. Because we flew into London, we toured England first.

6. Unless we hurry, we will miss our flight.

**IV. continued:** In the following sentences: Underline the **subordinate clauses** once. Double underline the **independent clauses** twice. Put parenthesis ( ) around the **phrases**.

7. All national flights, as far as I know, charge an entrance fee.

8. Whenever you are ready to camp, you should look for a park ranger.

9. The passengers who make the journey enjoyed great comfort on the airship.

10. Some spectators who had family members on board began to scream in horror.

**V. Framing Sentences – Use the sentence parts to create a sentence with one subordinate (dependent) clause and one independent clause. Write the completed sentence on the lines below and underline the subordinate clause.**

1. a. caused by the high winds  
b. off the ground  
c. we could see the storm damage  
d. when the fog lifted

2. a. After you take out the garbage  
b. be sure to collect the debris
c. in the front yard  
d. in the kitchen trash  

3.  
  a. down to the beach  
  b. for a test flight  
  c. it was a cold, windy day at Kitty Hawk  
  d. when two young men took their flying machine  

4.  
  a. a few spectators  
  b. had gathered  
  c. in the proceedings  
  d. on the beach  
  e. to watch the test  
  f. who showed a mild interest