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EVEL 1 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (ALL)

Directions: **Read** and **evaluate** the given sentences. **Underline the dependent clause** and **add commas** to separate the non-essential elements from the rest of the sentence.

1. My son the policeman will be visiting us next week.
2. Mrs. Sears showing more bravery than wisdom hosted her daughter's birthday party.
3. The captain ordered the ship's carpenters to assemble the dighy a large rowboat.
4. The student left in charge of the class was unable to keep order.
5. Walter is very attached to his mother Mrs. Hammon.
6. The brain a mass of fat and protein that weighs about three pounds is the organ that makes us human.
7. It is one of the body's biggest organs consisting of some 100 billion nerve cells.
8. The brain's nerve cells are known as neurons making up the organ's so-called "gray matter."
9. The neurons transmit electrochemical signals by a network of millions of nerve fibers called dendrites and axons the brain's "white matter."
10. The cerebrum is the largest part of the brain accounting for 85 percent of the organ's weight.
11. Alfre Woodard however deserved the award.
12. Willy Higinbotham who invented the first computer game is a famous scientist.
13. The man that developed computer tennis became very famous. *X not needed*
14. Brookhaven National Laboratory which employed Higinbotham is in Upton, New York.
15. Sebastien Lenormand who was a French physicist made the first successful parachute jump from a tower in 1783.

LEVEL 2 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (ALL)

Directions: In the space provided, identify whether the sentence needs **who**, **which**, or **that**. If the sentence says (essen) the information is necessary and no commas are needed.

1. Some people who live near the ocean mail large seashells.
2. One couple mailed two car seats, which almost did not fit in a huge box.
3. Brian, who was doing the packing, almost fell in the box.
4. He said a guy mailed a surfboard that was over five feet long.
5. People mail clocks that need special handling.
6. One clock, which was over three feet, was too big for the store to mail.
7. Crystal containers, which came from Austria, were very difficult to pack.
8. However, the glass made it safely. The person who ^{essential ↓} packed it did a great job.
9. Florida residents who live in populated areas can find good restaurants. (essen)
10. Some people choose restaurants that are located nearby.
11. For those who like seafood, there is a wide variety.
12. Fred likes to go to restaurants that are located near his home.
13. He has found many local restaurants that serve delicious dinners.
14. Some people will drive to a restaurant that is located far away.
15. My best friend, who lives in Tampa, drives eighty miles to a restaurant in Orlando.
16. She likes the Hard Rock Café, which is located near a popular tourist attraction.
17. There are people in Florida who eat out every day! (essen)
18. In Florida, Fred is the man that the restaurant owners love.
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LEVEL 3 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (ALL)

Directions: In the space below, write whether the blank needs "who" or "whom"

Steps: 1. Find the Dependent Clause

2. Rearrange - is the blank a subject or object? i.e. he/she (sub), him/her (ob)

3. Place who for subject and whom for object

1. Diane insisted that her appointment was with Roberto, the only stylist Whom she would trust with her hair.
2. To whom has Michelle spilled the delicious gossip about Jude and Marie?
3. Juan dreaded another football camp with Coach Hayden, who insisted that players collapse on the field before he would give them permission to leave a workout early.
4. Marina registered for American Literature, even though the professor was TBA. She prayed that she would not find herself in a classroom with Dr. Carson, the one professor whom no one can please.
5. Who ate the leftover casserole? Everyone does know that Frederick is experimenting with bugs as food for his sociology class, right?
6. Although Tom prefers Grandma's company when gossiping at family barbecues, his mother is the woman whom he admires the most.
7. Joey contemplated his suck-up options as he waited for Professor Orson, the teacher who might ruin Joey's perfect 4.0 GPA.
8. For whom has Jennifer cooked the delicious Italian dinner, complete with a fried squid appetizer?
9. Mr. Martinez decided to fire Roseanne, the cashier who could never make correct change.
10. Whom did you find to keep your noisy, smelly, annoying beagle while you are on vacation?
11. Yolanda asked her fiancé Cesar to ride home with Brittney, whom the other girls would not trust with their own boyfriends.
12. Sylvia cringed when Dr. Frasier paired her with Seymour, the one lab partner whom no one can stand.
13. Who else knows that Rhonda lost all her hair when she neglected to follow the directions on her perm kit?

LEVEL 3 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (ALL)

DIRECTIONS: Parenthesis and dashes function similarly to nonessential commas; they exist on both sides of the nonessential word, phrase, or clause. This page will focus exclusively on parenthesis and dashes.

Part 1: Select the correct response.

- The city of Veracruz--today a popular tourist destination was founded by Hernan Cortes.
a. NO CHANGE b. destination-- c. destination, d. destination;
- Despite the hazards (sand and sunburn, more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of all destination weddings take place on a beach.
a. NO CHANGE b. and--sunburn, c. and sunburn), d. and sunburn,
- Anise--the main ingredient used to flavor black jelly beans can also be used to treat lice.
a. NO CHANGE b. beans-- c. beans, d. beans;
- Water straight from your faucet; though easy to access, is not safe to pour into a fishbowl.
a. NO CHANGE b. faucet--though c. faucet(though d. faucet, though
- The Palace of Versaille--sixteen miles southwest of Paris was designed by Mansart.
a. NO CHANGE b. southwest, of Paris c. southwest of Paris)
 b. d. southwest of Paris--
- The best-selling Girl Scout cookie, which has been sold since 1917, is the Thin Mint.
 a. NO CHANGE b. since 1917; c. since 1917-- d. since 1917
- The word blog--now a commonly accepted term derives from the word weblog in 1998.
a. NO CHANGE b. term; c. term, d. term--
- Frederic Chopin a famous composer was born and raised in Warsaw, Poland
a. NO CHANGE b. Chopin; c. Chopin-- d. Chopin,
- Washington, DC (the capital of the US averages more rainfall per year than Seattle.
a. NO CHANGE b. of, the US c. of the US) d. of: the US

LEVEL 4 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (ALL)

Directions: Using the given theme, create sentences following the given guidelines.

Theme: Winter

1. Sentence with a nonessential word

Winter, nevertheless, is a great time of year.

2. Sentence with a nonessential appositive

Frosty, our snowman, has a corn-cobb pipe.

3. Sentence with a nonessential participle (+ING / +ED)

Frosty, buttoned up, sat in our front yard
The kids, rolling and packing, made a snowman.

4. Sentence with a "who" nonessential

Ms. Wilkie, who dislikes the snow, enjoys
sweater weather.

5. Sentence with a "that" essential element

Winter is the season that gets the worst rap.

6. Sentence with a "which" nonessential element

Chicago, which typically has had winter, has
been relatively snow-free.

7. Sentence with a "whom" nonessential element

Ms. Wilkie ~~made cookies~~ baked cookies for Xmas
with her friend Lauren, the
one person whom Lauren knows from MSU.

8. Compound-complex sentence with a nonessential element

Ms. Wilkie's classroom, which is room 108, is

freezing in the morning, and it is sweltering in
the afternoon.

9. Compound-complex sentence with dashes or parenthesis

Ms. Wilkie's dog Sugar (a Yorkie-Maltese mix)
turns 15 on Christmas Eve, yet she
is very active.