

Noun Clauses

NAME _____

Directions: This is the story that I just told you. There are many noun clauses in this story. The first person who identifies all the noun clauses correctly will be rewarded!!

Gudbrand on the Hillside

This story is a folktale. The fact that this story is a folktale should increase your pleasure greatly. Once upon a time there were a husband and a wife. It was obvious that they loved each other very much. That the wife thought her husband was perfect was very surprising (even at that time in history)! She thought that he never did anything wrong.

One day the wife said to her husband. "It seems to me that we have very little money left. I wonder whether you would consider going to town to sell the horse."

The man listened to what his wife said. He went to market, but when he arrived no one wanted to buy his horse. He decided to keep it and take it home again.

On the way home he met a boy with a sheep. He got a good idea. He said, "I wonder whether you would consider exchanging your sheep for my horse." The boy didn't know who this man was. He didn't know where the man lived. He didn't know what the man did. He liked what the man said, however, and so he agreed.

The man walked awhile further and next met a woman with a pig. He got a good idea. He said, "I wonder whether you would consider exchanging your pig for my sheep. It is true that this exchange would please my wife." The woman didn't know who this man was. She didn't know where the man lived. She didn't know what the man did. She liked what the man said, however, and so she agreed.

After a short time the man met a farmer on the road. He was pleased to see the farmer had a chicken under his arm. He got a good idea. He said, "I wonder whether you would consider exchanging your chicken for my pig. It is true that this exchange would please my wife." The farmer didn't know who the man was. He didn't where the man lived. He didn't know what the man did. He liked what the man said, however, so he agreed.

By now it was getting very late, and the man was hungry. He was still far from home. "What will I do?" he asked himself. "I think I will die of hunger."

Next he saw a farmhouse and he knocked on the door. He smelled fresh bread and soup. That was the reason why he asked the kind man inside to exchange some dinner for the chicken. After he had eaten, he started home empty-handed.

PERFECT MAN, HUH???

Shortly he passed, the house of his neighbor. His neighbor asked him about his trip to town. The man told him the story of all his exchanges and why he was now empty-handed.

The neighbor laughed and said, "I know your wife is going to kill you for your stupidity. I'd hate to be in your shoes."

The man told his neighbor his wife was never angry, no matter what he did. The neighbor didn't believe him, so the two men made a bet. The fact that the two men bet \$100 on the wife's good temper was very surprising indeed.

The neighbor went home with the man and stayed outside on the porch listening to the conversation.

The wife was happy that her husband was home. She said as she kissed him, "Is it true that you got money for the horse?"

"No, I didn't, but I'm pleased to say that I got a sheep in exchange for the horse."

"Wonderful!" she replied. "I'm glad that I can make sweaters with the wool."

"Oh," said the husband. "It is probably obvious that I don't have the sheep anymore. I'm pleased to say that I got a pig in exchange for the sheep."

"Wonderful! Wonderful!" she replied. "I'm glad that we can now have bacon and ham."

"Oh," said the husband "It is probably obvious that I don't have the pig anymore. I'm pleased to say that I got a chicken in exchange for the pig."

"Wonderful! Wonderful!" said the wife. "I'm glad that we can have fresh eggs everyday."

"Oh," said the husband. "It is probably obvious that I don't have the chicken anymore. I was so hungry that I exchanged the chicken for my dinner. That I have nothing left is a pity."

The wife ran to her husband and hugged him. "Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful! I'm so glad that you are home safe. You are important too."

With that the man opened the door where the neighbor had been listening. "I think I won the bet," he said. The neighbor handed over the \$100.

Now I must ask you this question. Do you think the man was clever and perfect (as his wife thought) or foolish and lucky?