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Sentence with Multiple Clauses Found in the Reading Section Passages of TOEFL Longman Complete Test

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Abstract Analysis of sentences with multiple clauses has an essential role in the process of learning English. This study had a purpose to describe the types of sentence with multiple clauses. In supporting this study, the researcher used theories of sentence with multiple clauses by Deborah Phillips. This study was a type of descriptive qualitative study as it analyzed the word data. The object of this study was the text of reading section question of TOEFL Longman Complete Test written in the book 'Longman Complete Course for the TOEFL Test'. Documentation was the step of collecting data in this study. Data analysis of this study was identifying the sentence with multiple clauses, classifying the types of sentence with multiple clauses, and describing all the results. The researcher found 18 sentences categorized as the sentences with multiple clauses. Those sentences were divided into three types: noun clause (2 sentences), adjective clause (11 sentences), and adverb clause (5 sentences).

Keyword: *sentence with multiple clause, reading passage of TOEFL*

Abstrak Analisis kalimat dengan banyak klausa memiliki peran penting dalam proses pembelajaran bahasa Inggris. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mendeskripsikan jenis-jenis kalimat dengan banyak klausa. Dalam mendukung penelitian ini, peneliti menggunakan teori kalimat dengan klausa ganda oleh Deborah Phillips. Penelitian ini merupakan jenis penelitian kualitatif deskriptif karena menganalisis data yang berupa kata. Objek penelitian ini adalah teks bagian bacaan soal TOEFL Longman Complete Test yang ditulis dalam buku 'Longman Complete Course for the TOEFL Test'. Dokumentasi merupakan langkah pengumpulan data dalam penelitian ini. Analisis data penelitian ini adalah mengidentifikasi kalimat dengan banyak klausa, mengklasifikasikan jenis kalimat dengan banyak klausa, dan menggambarkan semua hasil. Peneliti menemukan 18 kalimat yang dikategorikan sebagai kalimat dengan banyak klausa. Kalimat tersebut dibagi menjadi tiga jenis: klausa kata benda (2 kalimat), klausa kata sifat (11 kalimat), dan klausa keterangan (5 kalimat).

Kata kunci: *kalimat dengan klausa ganda, teks bacaan TOEFL*

INTRODUCTION

An essential element of people's daily communication is language as a system. People should study English and evaluate their English because of its significance. One can take some English tests to measure their level of proficiency. The test of English as a foreign language is one exam that is very well-liked (TOEFL). The TOEFL is a particular test that gauges how well non-native English speakers can speak the language (Phillips, 2001). Given this assertion, learning TOEFL is imperative. There are various skills that the author expressly discusses in TOEFL Longman. One of the skills discussed in Longman is structure and written expression. In the structure and written expression part, the learners will learn some chapters that can improve their proficiency in writing and structure. One chapter that can be learned by the learners is sentences with multiple clauses that contain 7 skills. A sentence with multiple clauses can be defined as a sentence having more than one clause (Phillips, 2001). This kind of sentence can be called as a complex sentence. Based on its function, complex sentence can be divided into three kinds namely noun clause, adjective clause, and adverb clause.

A noun clause is a dependent clause that serves as a noun in the sentence and can be employed as a complement, subject, object, or object of a preposition (Melantari & Fatimah, 2020). Noun clauses are composed of a subject and a verb but serve as nouns. Because they are not independent clauses, noun clauses are unable to stand alone as a sentence. For example, You do not know *what I mean*. The purpose of an adjective clause, a form of dependent clause, is to characterize the noun in phrases (Ramadhan & Rejeki, 2019). It indicates that the adjective phrase changes a sentence's subject or object. The reader is given both necessary and optional information by using an adjective clause, also known as a relative clause, within a phrase. For example, I am the one *who loves you*. A dependent clause with the purpose of elaborating on the phrase is an adverb clause (Quansah & Tetteh, 2017). This indicates that a verb, adjective, or other adverb is being described or modified by the clause. Adverbial clauses are always dependent clauses that are insufficient to function as a complete sentence. Adverbial clauses enrich sentences by adding details and context that regular adverbs are unable to. The following sentences are those that have been modified by the adjective clause. For example, *because I love you*, I will always make you happy.

This researcher intended to conduct the study focusing on analysis of complex sentence because of some reasons. Firstly, because this type of sentence contains more than a clause, this sentence can cause students to face difficulty. Another reason why learning sentences with multiple clauses or complex sentences is essential is because of their message. The message of the sentence with multiple clauses can make the learners not understand because this sentence may be longer in form (Kongaskorn, 2017:). In addition, simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences all have varied sentence patterns, and they all have a close relationship to punctuation, connectors, and grammatical structure. Since the complexity, EFL students frequently struggle to comprehend and articulate the patterns of those kinds of sentence (Hendrawaty, 2018). To strengthen this statement, a study stated that the identification of grammatical structure of complex sentence can be problematic, however English majors must be able to identify the four different types of sentences in order to improve their academic writing abilities (Demirezen, 2019). Thus, learning and understanding the pattern of sentence with multiple clauses is crucial as it will broaden students' knowledge of sentence structure and phrase and affect students' ability to read and write (Jaya, 2017).

Secondly, analysis of sentence with multiple clause has a great role in the process of learning English. It is a technique that can be used by anyone studying the language to improve the effectiveness of his English studies, so English majors should become proficient in it (Yu, 2021). It means that this form of analysis can improve students comprehension in understanding and learning English. Thirdly, the importance of researching complex sentences can be viewed from the

frequency or use on the internet. A research conducted by (Analisti, 2016) stated that complex sentence was the most sentence type used in the articles published in internet. Besides being widely used in journal manuscript writing, sentences with multiple clauses were also widely studied, some of these studies have been reviewed in the following descriptions.

Some studies focused on analysis of sentences with multiple clauses or complex sentence. The first one is a study conducted by Pratiwi, Nasution, & Ardina (2020). The result of this study showed that students in kindergarten who were five years old had learned the complex sentence types including noun clause, relative clause, and adverbial clause. Another study was a study focusing on observing the kinds of sentences with multiple clauses used in the theses written by graduates of English department graduates of March 2017 periode in Universitas Negeri Padang. This study was conducted by (Warni, Rozimela, & Fitrawati, 2018). The results of this study represented that from 20 theses, there were 210 sentence with multiple clauses. In various elements, this current study differs from these previous studies as this study focused on analyzing the types of sentence with multiple clauses Phillips's reading passages of the TOEFL Longman Complete Test.

For some reasons stated above, the researchers intended to conduct a study entitled "Sentences with Multiple Clauses Found in the Reading Section Question of the TOEFL Longman Complete Test". Based on these discussions, the researchers formulated a research question stated below:

What are the types of sentences with multiple clauses found in the reading section questions of the TOEFL Longman Complete Test?

METHOD

This study was a type of descriptive qualitative study as shown by its data. The focus of qualitative research is on verbatim data (Ary, 2010). Sentences from the TOEFL Longman Complete Test's reading part that were labeled as complex sentences served as the study's source of data. The researcher and the paperwork served as the study's instruments. All of the TOEFL Longman Complete Test reading section questions served as the study's subjects.

The processes involved in gathering data were: obtaining the TOEFL Longman Complete Test text; understanding it by reading it twice; and providing a code by underlining the information discovered in the text. The steps of data analysis were to: (1) locate the sentences with numerous clauses; (2) classify those phrases into three categories: noun clauses, adjective clauses, and adverb clauses; and (3) thoroughly describe the findings and draw a conclusion from the findings.

DISCUSSION

The researcher provided an explanation of the various forms of sentences with numerous clauses in relation to the study's research question. A sentence with multiple clauses, a complex sentence, is formed by the combination of a main clause and one or more subordinating clauses, or dependent clauses (Kongaskorn, 2017). The researcher recorded some sentences containing more than one clause after conducting a deep analysis of sentences with multiple clauses in the reading section of the TOEFL Longman Complete Test. These sentences were identified as the sentences with multiple clauses because they consisted of independent clauses and dependent clauses. The clause connectors or subordinating conjunctions of those sentences, such as that, which, when, who, because, and so on, can be used to identify the dependent clauses. Moreover, after the subordinating conjunctions, there were subject and verb, so those sentences were categorized as the sentences with multiple clauses. After all the data was analyzed, the researcher classified the data into three types

of sentences with multiple clauses by using the table that consists of number of data, the sentences as the data, and the types of sentences with multiple clauses consisting of three parts noun clause (Ncl), adjective clause (Adj), and adverb clause (Adv). In every datum, the researcher underlined every part identified as dependent clause. The table of classification of sentence with multiple clause can be seen in below.

Table 1. Types of Sentence With Multiple Clauses

| No. | Sentences | Types of Sentence with Multiple Clauses | | |
|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| | | Ncl | Adj | Adv |
| 1 | <i>"Its name comes from two Greek words which mean <u>"river horse."</u>"</i> | | √ | |
| 2 | <i><u>When a hippo comes up after a stay at the bottom of a lake or river,</u> it releases air through a blowhole, just like a whale.</i> | | | √ |
| 3 | <i>"His business career came to end in 1819 <u>when he was jailed for debt and forced to file for bankruptcy.</u>"</i> | | | √ |
| 4 | <i>"It was at that time <u>that Audubon began seriously to pursue the dream of publishing a collection of his paintings of birds.</u>"</i> | | √ | |
| 5 | <i>"For the next six years he painted birds in their natural habitats <u>while his wife worked as a teacher to support the family.</u>"</i> | | | √ |
| 6 | <i>"His birds of America, <u>which included engravings of 435 of his colorful and lifelike water colors,</u> was published in parts during the period from 1826 to 1838 in England."</i> | | √ | |
| 7 | <i>"The term "schizophrenia" is composed of roots <u>which mean "a splitting of the mind."</u>"</i> | | √ | |
| 8 | <i>"Schizophrenics often live in a fantasy world <u>where they hear voices that others cannot hear, often voices of famous people.</u>"</i> | | √ | |
| 9 | <i>"Schizophrenics tend to withdraw from families and friends and communicate mainly with the "voices" <u>that they hear in their minds.</u>"</i> | | √ | |
| 10 | <i>"It is believed <u>that heredity may play a part in the onset of schizophrenia.</u>"</i> | √ | | |
| 11 | <i>"People are often surprised to learn just <u>how long some varieties of trees can live.</u>"</i> | √ | | |
| 12 | <i>"The tree <u>that wins the prize for its considerable maturity is the bristlecone pine of California.</u>"</i> | | √ | |
| 13 | <i>"It is not nearly as tall as the giant redwood <u>that is also found in California, and, in fact, it is actually not very tall compared with many other trees, often little more than five meters in height.</u>"</i> | | √ | |
| 14 | <i>"This relatively short height may be one of the factors <u>that aid the bristlecone pine in living to a ripe old age-high winds and inclement weather cannot easily reach the shorter trees and cause damage.</u>"</i> | | √ | |

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| 15 | <i>“And additional factor <u>that contributes to the long life of the bristlecone pine is that this type of tree has a high percentage of resin, which prevents rot from developing in the tree trunk and branches.</u>”</i> | | √ | |
| 16 | <i>“During its development, Giannini’s bank survived major crises in the form of a natural disaster and a major economic upheaval <u>that not all other banks were able to overcome.</u>”</i> | | √ | |
| 17 | <i>“One major test for Giannini’s bank occurred on April 18, 1906 <u>when a massive earthquake struck San Francisco.</u>”</i> | | | √ |
| 18 | <i>“Although Giannini had already retired prior to the darkest <u>days of the Depression,</u> he became incensed <u>when his successor began selling off banks during the bad economic times.</u>”</i> | | | √ |

NB:

Ncl = Noun Clause

Adc = Adjective Clause

Adv = Adverb Clause

Based on table 1, it can be stated that the researcher found 3 types of sentences with multiple clauses. Three different sentence types were distinguished: sentences with noun clauses, sentences with adjective clauses, and sentences with adverb clauses. The description that follows describes those sentences with many clauses.

Noun Clause

The noun clause was the first kind of sentences with multiple clauses that the researcher discovered. A noun clause is a dependent clause that serves as a noun in the sentence and can be functioned as a complement, subject, object, or object of a preposition (Phillips, 2001:218). Two sentences were identified by the researcher as the noun clause in this study. In the narration that follows, they are described.

datum 1 noun clause

“It is believed that heredity may play a part in the onset of schizophrenia.”

The datum above can be classified as a noun clause because the main verb of that sentence was ‘believe’. The verb ‘believe’ was a transitive verb that needed object. The object after the verb ‘believe’ was the clause “*that heredity may play a part in the onset of schizophrenia*”. Because this object was a clause, this clause was identified as a noun clause.

datum 2 noun clause

“People are often surprised to learn just how long some varieties of trees can live.”

The sentence above was a noun clause. It was a noun clause as there was clause functioned as a noun in that sentence. It was “*how long some varieties of trees can live*”. It was an object in the sentence, it was the object of the verb ‘learn’.

Adjective Clause

Based on data analysis, the second type of sentence with multiple clause is an adjective clause. Adjective clause is a type of dependent clause that has a function to describe the noun of sentences (Phillips, 2001). In this research, the researcher found 11 sentences that were categorized as the adjective clause that were described below:

datum 1 adjective clause

"Its name comes from two Greek words which mean "river horse.""

This sentence contained an adjective clause. The adjective clause of this sentence was "*which mean "river horse"*". That clause was identified as adjective clause because of the conjunction 'that'. I also had a function as an adjective in the sentence.

datum 2 adjective clause

"It was at that time that Audubon began seriously to pursue the dream of publishing a collection of his paintings of birds."

The sentence above was classified as the adjective clause as it functions as the adjective in that sentence. It modified the noun 'time', so this was the sentence with adjective clause.

datum 3 adjective clause

"His birds of America, which included engravings of 435 of his colorful and lifelike water colors, was published in parts during the period from 1826 to 1838 in England."

This datum was a sentence with adjective clause because it had function to modify the noun 'bird'. Because this sentence contains a clause modifying noun, so it was the sentence with adjective clause.

datum 4 adjective clause

"The term "schizophrenia" is composed of roots which mean "a splitting of the mind.""

The sentence above was identified as the sentence with adjective clause. This sentence consisted of an adjective clause "*which mean "a splitting of the mind."*" that describes the noun of this sentence.

datum 5 adjective clause

"Schizophrenics often live in a fantasy world where they hear voices that others cannot hear, often voices of famous people."

The sentence above was a sentence with adjective clause because it contained a dependent clause called adjective clause. The adjective clause of this sentence was "*where they hear voices that others cannot hear, often voices of famous people*".

datum 6 adjective clause

"Schizophrenics tend to withdraw from families and friends and communicate mainly with the "voices" that they hear in their minds."

The datum above identified as an adjective clause. The adjective clause of this datum was "*that they hear in their minds*". This clause was identified as an adjective clause because it gave the description of noun 'voice'.

datum 7 adjective clause

"The tree that wins the prize for its considerable maturity is the bristlecone pine of California."

This datum was a sentence with adjective clause because it had function to modify the noun 'tree'. Because this sentence contains a clause modifying noun, so it was the sentence with adjective clause.

datum 8 adjective clause

"It is not nearly as tall as the giant redwood that is also found in California, and, in fact, it is actually not very tall compared with many other trees, often little more than five meters in height."

The sentence above was a sentence attached adjective clause. The adjective clause in this sentence was "*that is also found in California,*". This clause was identified as an adjective clause because it modified the noun 'redwood'.

datum 9 adjective clause

"This relatively short height may be one of the factors that aid the bristlecone pine in living to a ripe old age-high winds and inclement weather cannot easily reach the shorter trees and cause damage."

The datum above was a sentence with adjective clause because it consisted of a dependent clause named adjective clause. The adjective clause of this sentence was “*that aid the bristlecone pine in living to a ripe old age-high winds and inclement weather cannot easily reach the shorter trees and cause damage*” because it describes the noun of this sentence.

datum 10 adjective clause

“And additional factor that contributes to the long life of the bristlecone pine is that this type of tree has a high percentage of resin, which prevents rot from developing in the tree trunk and branches.”

The sentence above was identified as an adjective clause. The adjective clause of this datum was “*that contributes to the long life of the bristlecone pine is that this type of tree has a high percentage of resin,*”. This clause was identified as an adjective clause because it gave the description of noun ‘factor’.

datum 11 adjective clause

“During its development, Giannini’s bank survived major crises in the form of a natural disaster and a major economic upheaval that not all other banks were able to overcome.”

The sentence above was classified as the adjective clause as it functions as the adjective in that sentence. The adjective clause of this sentence was “*that not all other banks were able to overcome*”. It modified the noun ‘economic upheaval’, so this was the sentence with adjective clause.

Adverb Clause

The third type of sentence with multiple clauses was adverb clause. Adverb clause is a dependent clause which has a function to describe the sentence (Khodijah, 2015:17). In this research, the researcher found 5 sentences categorized as the adverb clause. Those sentences were:

datum 1 adverb clause

“When a hippo comes up after a stay at the bottom of a lake or river, it releases air through a blowhole, just like a whale.”

The sentence above can be classified as the sentence with adverb clause because it was combined by independent clause and dependent clause called adverb clause. The adverb clause of this sentence was “*When a hippo comes up after a stay at the bottom of a lake or river*”. It was an adverb clause because it contained a subordinating conjunction ‘when’ describing the time.

datum 2 adverb clause

“His business career came to end in 1819 when he was jailed for debt and forced to file for bankruptcy.”

The datum stated above was a sentence with adverb clause as it contained a conjunction ‘when’ followed by a subject and a verb. The adverb clause of this sentence was “*when he was jailed for debt and forced to file for bankruptcy*”. This clause was an adverb clause because it described the time.

datum 3 adverb clause

“For the next six years he painted birds in their natural habitats while his wife worked as a teacher to support the family.”

The datum above can be called as a sentence with adverb clause. It contained a conjunction ‘while’ that was followed by a subject and a verb. The adverb clause of this sentence was “*while his wife worked as a teacher to support the family*”. This clause was an adverb clause because it described the time.

datum 4 adverb clause

“One major test for Giannini’s bank occurred on April 18, 1906, when a massive earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by ranging fire that destroyed much of the city.”

The sentence stated above was a sentence with adverb clause because it contained a conjunction ‘when’ followed by a subject and a verb. The adverb clause of this sentence was “*when a massive earthquake struck San Francisco*”. This clause was an adverb clause because it described the time or frequency.

datum 5 adverb clause

“Although Giannini had already retired prior to the darkest days of the Depression, he became incensed when his successor began selling off banks during the bad economic times.”

The datum above was classified as the sentence with adverb clause because it contained two dependent clauses. Those dependent clauses were adverb clauses. The first one was “*Although Giannini had already retired prior to the darkest days of the Depression*” describing causes. The second one was “*when his successor began selling off banks during the bad economic times*” describing the time.

The researcher represented the findings by using the table of percentage of types of sentence with multiple clauses. The table used by the researcher to percentage the findings was:

Table 2. Types of Sentence with Multiple Clauses

| No. | Types of Sentence with Multiple Clauses | Frequency | Percentage |
|-------|---|-----------|------------|
| 1. | Noun Clause | 2 | 11% |
| 2. | Adjective Clause | 11 | 62% |
| 3. | Adverb Clause | 5 | 27% |
| Total | | 18 | 100% |

Based on the table 1, the researcher can say that the most sentence with multiple clause found by the researcher was the sentence with adjective clause. The percentage of sentence with adjective clause was 62%. The percentage of sentence with adverb clause was 27%, and the percentage of sentence with noun clause was 27%.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Conclusion

Finally, the researcher discovered 18 sentences that were classified as sentences with multiple clauses. There were three different categories for those sentences: noun clauses, adjective clauses, and adverb clauses. Given that they serve as nouns in the sentences, 2 sentences were categorized as noun clauses. Because they serve as the adjective in the sentences, 11 sentences were categorized as adjective clauses. Due to the presence of the adverbial in five of the sentences, they were recognized as the adverb clauses. Adjective clauses were the most common sort of sentence with multiple clauses.

Suggestion

The researcher advises the readers to read this study in order to master the various sorts of sentences with multiple clauses because it provides some important concepts on the subject. The researcher suggests that more researchers perform a study on sentences with multiple clauses by examining English magazines, movies, poems, short stories, and so forth.

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