Practice with Clauses Handout #1
Directions: Place all subordinate (dependent) clauses in parentheses. Label each clause as adjective, adverb, or noun, and indicate the use of each.

1. When Steve was only sixteen, he was as fast as I.

2. The place where Steve was born has been covered by the new reservoir.

3. The person whose car blocked the driveway could not be found.

4. My dad’s being an astronaut, I believe the possibility that man will some day walk on Mars is very likely.

5. Drivers should realize that cars can be as deadly as guns.

6. Fran has a happy disposition that puts everyone at ease.

7. It was one of those perfect June days poets write about.

8. Mr. Hertz is one of those employers who don’t welcome suggestions from employees.

9. These weeds grow where no other plants can survive.

10. Since time is short, it is morally insane that we spend one second diagraming clauses.

11. Helen plays the piano well although she has never taken lessons.

12. The man whom we ran over in the storm had been hit by lightning.

13. What caused the craters on the moon is still unknown.

14. Pasteur’s great discovery was that germs can cause disease.

15. On the last day of school, I give whoever has read his homework every night a ticket to a Sounds game.

16. The wooden bridge over which we drove was very shaky.

17. Language is the most important tool man has ever invented.

18. Carl Sandburg wrote for twenty years before he was recognized.

19. Only a diamond can cut a diamond because no other substance is so hard.

20. The man Douglas wanted to meet was out of office.