

GRAMMAR TIP #7: REDUCING ADJECTIVE CLAUSES TO PARTICIPIAL PHRASES



We can reduce adjective clauses to -ing forms when the verb of the adjective clause is other than a "to be" verb.

Examples:

- Students who planned to graduate in the spring will take part in a larger celebration.
- Students planning to graduate in the spring will take part in a larger celebration.

Reduce the clause to a participial phrase by dropping the relative pronoun and changing the main verb to its -ing form (present participle).

- We had to revise our proposal, which required more time than expected.
- We had to revise our proposal, requiring more time than expected.

Adjective clauses can be placed at the end of the sentence.

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QUESTIONS?

See Grammar Tip # 3, 4, 5, 6
to review additional rules
about adjective clauses.

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