

GRAMMAR TIP #6

REDUCING ADJECTIVE CLAUSES TO PHRASES



When an adjective clause begins with a relative pronoun followed by a form of "to be" and then a noun phrase, prepositional phrase, or adjective phrase, you can reduce the clause by omitting the relative pronoun and the verb "to be."

Examples:

- Mr. Johnson, who is a known professor, gave a talk for the college.
- Mr. Johnson, a known professor, gave a talk for the college.

Prepositional Phrase

- The books that are on the shelf belong to the library.
- The books on the shelf belong to the library.

Adjective Phrase

- Students who are eager to learn succeed quickly.
- Students eager to learn succeed quickly.

Note: In academic writing, it is common to reduce clauses.

See Grammar Tip # 3, 4, 5
to review more on adjective clauses.

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