

## ESL95 Sweet, Sour, and Resentful

### Noticing Reduced Dependent Clauses: Adjective (relative), Adverb (subordinate), and Noun

#### ANSWERS

#### Full adjective Clauses

1. Displaying the ***hospitality that Iranians so cherish***, my father ***extended*** a dinner invitation to everyone who called. (paragraph 4)
2. In between cooking, my mother made yogurt—the thick, sour variety ***that we couldn't find in America***. (paragraph 9)

#### Full Adverb Clauses

1. ***Whenever I hear John Mellencamp's "Small Town,"*** I think of Abadan, ***although I'm guessing*** John Mellencamp was thinking of somewhere else ***when he wrote that song***. (paragraph 2)
2. ***When the revolution happened,*** thousands left Iran for Southern California. (paragraph 3)
3. ***Since we were one of the few Iranian families already there,*** our phone did not stop ringing. (paragraph 4)
4. ***Because my mother did not drive,*** my father took her to buy ingredients every Tuesday after work. (paragraph 6)
5. An extra-long trip meant that my mother could not find everything she needed, a point she would make loud and clear ***when she got home***: “Why don't they let fruit ripen here?”
6. ***As soon as the mountain of herbs was chopped,*** my mother started frying them. (paragraph 7)
7. Every few days, ***while my father was watching the six o'clock news,*** my mother would hand him a dozen onions, a cutting board, and a knife. (paragraph 7)
8. ***While all four burners were in use,*** my mother mixed the ground beef, rice, split peas, scallions, and herbs for stuffed grape leaves. (paragraph 8)
9. ***By the time our guests arrived,*** my mother was exhausted. (paragraph 10)

10. **To wit**, one day in Abadan, the phone rang **when my mother was about to drain the rice.** (paragraph 10)
11. Almost 40 years later, I still remember my mother's disappointment and her explaining to my father that her sister had time to talk **because my aunt's maid did all the cooking.** (paragraph 10)
12. **As the guest list grew**, we added paper plates and plastic utensils. (paragraph 11)
13. **As people entered the dining room**, they **gasp**ed at the sight of my mother's table. (paragraph 11)
14. **When they told her how lucky she was to have me to help her**, my mother politely nodded, **while my father added, "Firoozeh's good at math."** (paragraph 12)
15. **As I watched my mother experience the same draining routine week after week**, I decided that tradition is good only if it brings joy to all involved. (paragraph 13)

### Full Noun Clauses

1. An extra-long trip meant **that my mother could not find** everything she needed, a point she would make loud and clear when she got home: "Why don't they let fruit ripen here?" (paragraph 6)
2. My mother insisted **that the parsley, cilantro, and chives for qormeh sabzi, herb stew, had to be finely chopped by hand.** (paragraph 7)
3. During the time it took her to answer the phone and tell her sister **that she would call her back**, the rice overcooked. (paragraph 10)
4. Almost 40 years later, I still remember my mother's disappointment and her explaining to my father **that her sister had time to talk** because my aunt's maid did all the cooking. (paragraph 10)

### Reduced Adjective clause

1. My mother, her **diplomatic** skills **in full swing**, had me deliver plates of Persian food, (which were) **decorated with radish roses and mint sprigs**, to them.

### Reduced Adverb clauses

Only one -used in example. None of the others can be effectively reduced.

### Reduced Noun Clause

1. Whenever I hear John Mellencamp's "Small Town," I think of Abadan, although **I'm guessing (that) John Mellencamp was thinking** of somewhere else when he wrote that song. (paragraph 2)