

PHRASE AND CLAUSE

QUESTIONS FOR PRACTICE:

I In the following sentences, state whether the underlined part is a phrase or a clause.

1. In spite of the heavy rains, we reached on time.
2. She passed her test because of her teacher.
3. Though she performed well in the interview, she didn't get the job.
4. In spite of his good grades, he couldn't secure admission in a good college.
5. Driven by the storm, we took shelter under a bridge.
6. Having delivered the message, he departed.
7. Not knowing what to do, she stood there motionless.
8. Now that he is married, he has become more responsible.
9. Despite her protests, they took the child away.

II. Separate the main Clause and the subordinate clause:

1. It is the only thing that can save him.
2. He is going to be nice to them because somebody was nice to him.
3. I know that the system isn't full proof.
4. She said that she would be working late.
5. He asked whether I had bought the ticket.
6. That shows how cynical you have become.
7. I heaved a sigh of relief when I heard that they were safe.
8. That they are doing a good job is evident.
9. The phone fell out of my pocket while I was boarding the train.
10. When I was young I was optimistic.
11. Plant it in that shady corner, where it won't get too much sunlight.

Answers:

1. Phrase
2. Phrase
3. Clause
4. Phrase
5. Phrase
6. Phrase
7. Phrase
8. Clause
9. Phrase

II.ANSWERS

1. It is the only thing (main clause) / that can save him (subordinate clause).
2. He is going to be nice to them (main clause) / because somebody was nice to him (subordinate clause).
3. I know (main clause) / that the system isn't full proof (subordinate clause).
4. She said (main clause) / that she would be working late (subordinate clause).

5. He asked (main clause) / whether I had bought the ticket (subordinate clause).
6. That shows (main clause) / how cynical you have become (subordinate clause).
7. I heaved a sigh of relief (main clause) / when I heard that they were safe (subordinate clause).
8. That they are doing a good job (subordinate clause) / is evident (main clause).
9. The phone fell out of my pocket (main clause) / while I was boarding the train (subordinate clause).
10. When I was young (subordinate clause) / I was optimistic (main clause).
11. Plant it in that shady corner (main clause),/ where it won't get too much sunlight (subordinate clause).