

## Chapter 8: Clauses

### Phrases and Clauses

In the blank, label the italicized group of words *P* (phrase) or *Cl* (clause).

- P*   1. Called "nature's masterpieces," elephants are *the largest living land animals*.
- Cl*   2. They have the longest noses and front teeth in the entire animal kingdom, and *they might also have the longest memories*.
- Cl*   3. *The elephant is one of the tallest animals*, second only to the giraffe.
- P*   4. These creatures, *having a high level of intelligence*, are one of the world's best known animals.
- P*   5. Elephants live in organized social frameworks, *using sophisticated communication calls*.

### Dependent and Independent Clauses

Identify each italicized clause as dependent or independent. In the blank, write the letter that corresponds to the correct answer.

- A. Dependent  
B. Independent

- A*   6. Together with over 160 other species, the elephant family belongs to the order Proboscidea, *which means animals with a trunk*.
- B*   7. *There are two chief kinds of elephants living today, the African elephant and the Indian elephant*.
- A*   8. African elephants can be found only in Africa south of the Sahara, *whereas Indian elephants live in parts of India and Southeast Asia*.
- A*   9. Larger than the Indian elephant, the African elephant male and female both grow tusks *that reach extreme lengths*.
- B*   10. *The Indian elephant is commonly trained for forestry work*.

### Using Independent and Dependent Clauses

Label each sentence *S* (simple), *Cd* (compound), *Cx* (complex), or *Cd-Cx* (compound-complex).

- S*   11. *Because of their incredible strength and trainability*, elephants have been used in many ways: instruments of war, bulldozers in the logging industry, entertainment in circuses and zoos.
- S*   12. The earliest recorded use of elephants dates back to 331 B.C.
- Cd-Cx*   13. Alexander the Great led a Macedonian army into battle, and under his leadership they defeated Persian troops, who were riding on elephants.
- Cx*   14. In 218 B.C., Hannibal of Carthage, leading an army that were mounted on elephants, crossed the Alps and invaded Italy.
- Cd*   15. Working elephants have long been common in Asia, and they are still used today in the logging industry.

- S 16. An elephant can haul a log weighing up to four tons.
- Cd-Cx 17. When the British ruled in India, Burma, and Siam, large-scale logging developed, and thousands of elephants were employed to fell teak trees.
- S 18. An African elephant featured in the London Zoo in the 1800s fascinated visitors from all over the world.
- Cd 19. Jumbo was the largest animal in captivity at that time, and now the word *jumbo* has become an adjective describing excessively large objects.
- Cd 20. P. T. Barnum bought Jumbo in 1882, and this fascinating creature soon took center stage in his circus.

### Adjective and Adverb Clauses

Place parentheses around each adjective clause. Underline the relative pronouns once and the relative adverbs twice. Draw arrows from each adjective clause to the word or words it modifies.

21. Adventurous tourists should visit Africa and Asia, (where they can take safaris on elephants' backs.)
22. Elephant herds, consisting of all females, have from twenty to forty members (that are part of the same extended family.)
23. This social group follows the oldest female (who is responsible for the herd's safety.)
24. After reaching their midteens, male elephants leave the herd and join a loosely bonded pack of males, (where they will vie for the top position.)
25. Elephants spend time in the water drinking and bathing, time (which often turns into play-time as they roll in the mud and splash around.)

Underline the adverb clause in each sentence once. Underline the word it modifies twice.

26. Because they are so massive, adult elephants consume about three hundred pounds of food in one day.
27. The elephant's trunk functions as though it were a hand.
28. Although the elephant's trunk is really his nose, it serves as a windshield wiper for his eyes, a forklift to pick up food, and a water hose to soak any innocent bystander.
29. Elephants with tusks use them as tools and weapons, and whenever their trunk muscles tire, they can rest the weary limb on their ivory shelves.
30. Although elephants appear intimidating with their great size and fierce-looking tusks, they are generally easygoing and peaceful creatures.