Subordinate Clause Worksheet

Part 1

Directions: Rewrite each sentence, adding a subordinate clause that begins with the word in parentheses.

1. George Washington was commander-in-chief of the Continental Army (before)

2. We were just sitting down to dinner (when)

3. My mother does not approve of my watching TV (unless)

4. We would have won the game (if)

5. French is the language (that)

6. I wanted to go to the store (until)

7. Franklin made improvements (which)

8. I wanted to laugh (because)

9. She goes to work (whenever)

10. I found the remote (after)

11. The crop was bad (due to)

12. I could have hugged (whoever)

13. I love the rain (when)

14. I like to lie in the sun (where)

15. I don’t know (why)

16. I like cats better than dogs (even though)

17. I will go (as long as)

18. I didn’t do my homework (although)

19. I will take it (if)

20. I won’t do it (so that)

**Part 2**

Directions: Write the following sentences. Underline the subordinate clause in each of the following sentences.

1. The capital state of the Federated States of Micronesia is Pohnpei Island, which is also the largest island in the FSM.

2. Pohnpei’s green, rounded mountains rise gently out of the Pacific as if they were pushed straight up by the waves.

3. Even though the temperature is high throughout the year, rain and the spring trade winds cool the air.

4. There are frequent sudden downpours that nurture lush tropical vegetation.

5. Because their ancestors had built a city of temples, the islanders named their island *Pohnpei,* meaning “on the alter.”

6. Who built the basalt temples at Nana Madol, Pohnpei, is a secret no one knows.

7. The temples, which are still used for religious ceremonies, are sacred to the Pohnpeians.

8. Kosrae, which lies to the east of Pohnpei, is the smallest of the four states of the FSM and is shaped like a sleeping woman.

9. In the nineteenth century, European whalers found that they could live comfortably on Kosrae.

10. Truk State, which is a collection of volcanic islands to the west of Pohnpei, is home to one of the largest barrier reefs in the world.

11. Truk is a popular diving spot because beautiful reef have grown around the World War II ship and plane wrecks in Truk Lagoon.

12. That most of the people of the FSM live in the Truk islands is not surprising.

13. Yap State, where the people still grow taro and breadfruit in their gardens, is the most traditional of all the Micronesian islands.

14. Yap is most famous for its money, since the coins are giant stones up to twelve feet wide.

15. Since this money is so very heavy, it cannot be easily stolen.