

Teaching ESL at Mission College – Relative Clauses

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Here are ten related sentences with relative clauses. Some have relative adjective clauses using relative pronouns *who*, *whom*, *which*, *that*, and *whose*. Others have relative adverb clauses using *when* and *where*. Some are restrictive; others are nonrestrictive. You may use these as a model to create sentences related to your job.

- Mission College, [where I teach], has a well-developed ESL program.

Nonrestrictive relative adverb clause (NR rel adv cl)

where = the place

- It includes courses [that range from 910 Foundations to 970 Advanced level].

Restrictive relative adjective clause (R rel adj cl)

that = subj

- The students [whom I teach] come from many different countries.

R rel adj cl

whom = obj

- The part of the world [where most of the students originate] is Asia.

R rel adv cl

- Some of the students [who take my classes] have studied English for several years.

R rel adj cl

who = subj

- ESL 970G, [which is an advanced grammar review course], is a prerequisite for ESL 970RW. (NR rel adj cl)

which = subj

- The students [whose cumulative score is at least 70%] can pass the course.

R rel adj cl

whose modifies score

- Diligent students [who successfully complete ESL 970G, ESL 970RW, and ESL 970LS meet the prerequisites for English 905.]

R rel adj cl

who = subj

- The time [when students access the ESL 970G course at Blackboard the most] is between 7 PM and 1 AM.

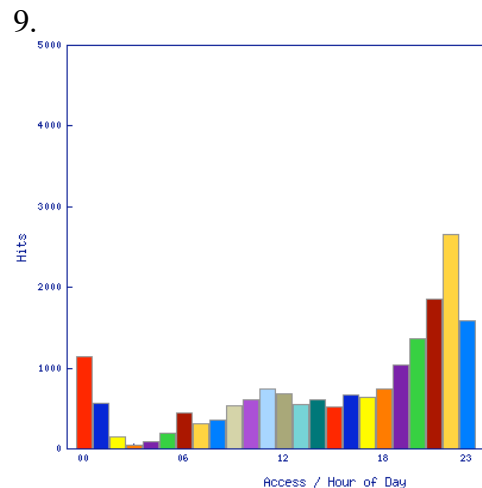
R rel adv cl

when = the time period

- The area [that users access the most frequently] is the Discussion Board area.

R rel adj cl

that = obj



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