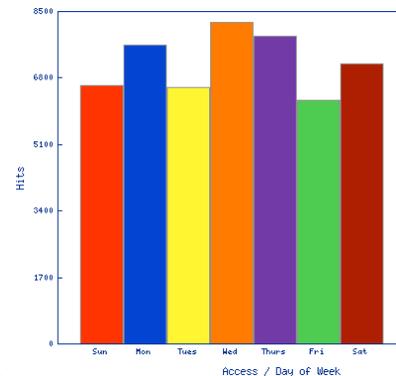


Teaching ESL at Mission College – Relative Clauses

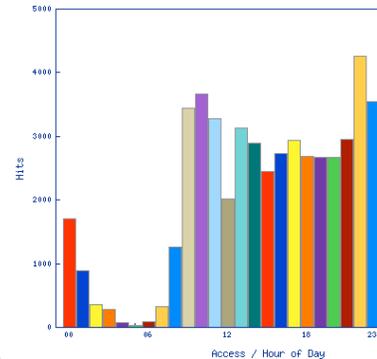
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Here are ten related sentences with relative clauses. Some have relative adjective clauses using relative pronouns *who*, *whom*, *which*, *that*, and *whose*. Others have relative adverb clauses using *when* and *where*. Some are **restrictive**;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

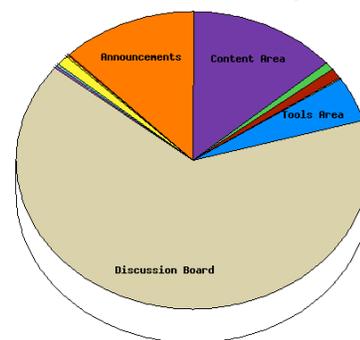
- Mission College, [*where* I teach], has a well-developed ESL program.
Nonrestrictive relative adverb clause (NR rel adv cl)
where = the place
- It includes courses [*that* range from 910 Foundations to 970 Advanced level].
Restrictive relative adjective clause (R rel adj cl)
that = subj
- The students [to *whom* I teach] ESL 970 access the course at BlackBoard every day of the week.
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 lease] is between 1 AM and 8 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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