

Noun Clause Worksheet with Answers

Instructions 1 : Identify all the noun clauses and mention their functions (subject, object, subject complement, or object of a preposition)

John was always curious about what motivates people to take certain actions. He often wondered how they decide on what path to follow in life. The question of why some people give up easily while others persevere never left his mind. Sometimes, he even asked himself what would happen if he chose a different career. His desire to understand the reasons behind people's behavior grew stronger each day. However, he couldn't figure out whether it was his curiosity or his desire to help others that led him to become a psychologist.

Answers:

1.Noun Clause: what motivates people to take certain actions

Function: Object of the preposition *about*

2. Noun Clause: how they decide on what path to follow in life

Function: Object of the verb *wondered*

3. Noun Clause: why some people give up easily while others persevere

Function: Subject *complement*

3. Noun Clause: what would happen if he chose a different career

Function: Object of the verb *asked*

4. Noun Clause: the reasons behind people's behavior

Function: Object of the verb *understand*

5. Noun Clause: whether it was his curiosity or his desire to help others

Function: Object of the verb *figure out*

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Instructions 2. Replace the following Noun Clauses with appropriate Gerund Phrases

1. I don't know what she wants.
2. He is wondering why they left early.
3. She asked how we can improve the project.
4. We don't understand why he is upset.
5. I am curious about what they are planning.

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