WORKSHEET 6

COMPLEMENT CLAUSES: WH-CLAUSES

Study the part Overview (pp. 658–660) of complement clauses. Afterwards, move to subchapter Wh-clauses (p. 683).

1) Present the main two types of wh-complement clauses using examples from LGSWE and if possible also from LEFNAC.

2) Describe the main structural patterns for wh-complement clauses in post-predicate position (p. 685). Again, accompany these patterns with examples from both LGSWE and LEFNAC.

3) According to LGSWE, there are six controlling verbs in English that are notably common with wh-clauses. Check the texts in LEFNAC for these verbs and provide their occurrence rates and example sentences. Compare their rates of occurrence against the figures on page 686.

4) Check the texts in LEFNAC for the occurrence of other controlling verbs and compare your results with the figures shown on page 689 in LGSWE.

5) Briefly introduce wh-clauses with complementizers whether and if (pp. 690–691) together with examples. Describe the text in LEFNAC in terms of the occurrence of whether- and if-clauses and compare the occurrence of common controlling verbs of these clauses in LEFNAC and in LGSWE (pp. 692–693).

Texts: F6, N6x, N6y, A6
Find definitions of the following terms, use example sentences whenever possible:

- *-ed clause*

- *ellipsis*

- *embedding; nesting*

- *exclamation*

- *existential construction*

- *extraposition; extraposed*