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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