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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"There are two kinds of relative clause: restrictive, with *wh* directly following the noun, and appositive, with *wh* separated from the noun by comma or comma intonation. They will be referred to as R and A relatives respectively. Consider now a group of sentences where both kinds of relatives occur, and not all of which are grammatical.

- A Rel 1 *John, who knows the way, has offered to guide us.*
- R Rel 2 **John who is from the South hates cold weather.*
- A Rel 3 *They pointed to a dog, who was looking at him hopefully.*
- R Rel 4 *They pointed to a dog who was looking at him hopefully.*
- A Rel 5 **Any book, which is about linguistics, is interesting.*
- A Rel 6 *The book, which is about linguistics, is interesting.*
- R Rel 7 *Any book which is about linguistics is interesting.*
- R Rel 8 *He lives in a skyscraper that is twenty stories high.*
- R Rel 9 *The man who fixed the radio left this note.*

The examples show that not all noun phrases accept both kinds of relative clause. Grammaticalness depends on the determiner of the containing noun phrase and the kind of relative that occurs with it."

Carlota S. Smith, "*Determiners and Relative Clauses in a Generative Grammar of English*", *Language*, Vol. 40, No. 1, 1964, p 38.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

Over the years she had become a stranger to us, her sisters tending to avoid her; all but my mother, who still wrote to her at Christmas-time.

Winifred Beechey, *The Reluctant Samaritan*, 1991.

Excerpt 2

That was a mythical representation of Scotland that owed everything to the prejudices of people who lived in the past and knew nothing of the realities of the Scotland that then existed. Brian and his fellow Brits equally

New Statesman and Society, 1985-1994

Excerpt 3

Kate wanted to go home first, and asked me to call for her in a couple of hours. I wasn't prepared for the Kate who opened the door of her apartment. It wasn't Kate's usual bas couture look. She had on a beige linen sheath with a flowered blouse worn as a jacket.

James Patterson, *Kiss the Girls*, 1995.

Excerpt 4

Margaret and Bob, my dad's brown and white furry mutts, played together in the grass. Marvin, a gold cat, and Spot the Cat, a black cat who had no spots, perched on the rail of the deck, side by side.

Cathy Lamb, *You're Still the One*, 2013.

Excerpt 5

And he saves us, because we can't do it ourself! You know, if it was a dog that was lost, if it was a cat that was lost, if it was even a pigeon that had got lost (pause) they've got some homing device, but the sheep hasn't even got that, it can't even find it's own way home. And that's just like human beings. Lost!

Albert Gunter, *Sermon* 1989

Excerpt 6

However, he is no more dangerous than a dog that barks but does not bite. It is the one who controls and dominates quietly and subtly, and who will manoeuvre everyone around him in order to achieve his ends, who is dangerous. Both are using other people as pawns in a game in which they need to win at all costs.

Stephanie Spindler, *Learn to Live*, 1991.

Excerpt 7

Girls of fourteen and fifteen described to me these conflicts in their own families. Sharmi told me: It was like this -- my uncle and my father came to Britain first and my uncle gave his pay packet to my father, who is older.

Amrit Wilson, *Finding a Voice: Asian Women in Britain*, 1988.

Excerpt 8

As far as I know, no one else in the Dale caught it – except my Uncle Tommy, my father 's brother who had come to run the farm for us when my father died at such a tragically early age. I think we must have both picked it up during a visit to some relatives in Piercebridge. It was Mother who nursed us through it and it was an experience I wouldn't like to repeat.

Hannah Hauxwell and Barry Cockcroft, *Daughter of the Dales*, 1991.

Excerpt 9

First thing, I went to the boarding-house where I lived and put on my suit. It was pretty old and too small now, making me look skinnier than I was, but it would be all right for the trip. I didn't want to buy a new one in Sweetmary. I thought about buying a gun, but decided against that too; I'd be out of money before I left. I wrote to my mother who lived up at Manzanita with her sister, Mrs. R. V. Hungerford, telling her how I was leaving my position and would write again when I had found some place I liked.

Leonard Elmore, *Hombre*, 1989.

Excerpt 10

I took more time off than usual after the World Championships, feeling that I needed a break. I flew to New York to stay for twelve days with my sister, who lives there.

Linford Christie and Tony Ward, *Linford Christie: An Autobiography*, 1990.

Excerpt 11

After a year or so my father left the Army and remarried a Highland lass who seemed to adore me, but did not seem to take to my sister who lived with an aunt.

T. G. Mahaddie, *Hamish : The Memoirs of Group Captain*, 1989.

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Excerpt 12

Ultimately, de Gaulle's aim was not to destroy communism or to meet any other specific threat. It was to change the nature of France's regime, so that the nation would be better placed to meet any challenge or resolve any problem that it might have to face.

Andrew Shennan, *De Gaulle*, 1993.

Excerpt 13

He is the butcher's boy. He has only come to see if we want any meat, which will be coming into the shop tomorrow.

Wanda Newby, *Peace and War: Growing Up in Fascist Italy*, 1991.

Excerpt 14

If you have any problem which requires a multi-disciplinary team of world class scientists and engineers working in close co-ordination with your people to improve your competitive edge, please give me a ring. We often find that we have already tackled the problem and have a solution ready and waiting.

AEA News for the Process Industries (1985-1994).

Excerpt 15

In writing, do not be afraid to let these dictate the way you go. From your unconscious there may rise ideas, characters, actions you never would have believed yourself capable of thinking of. Use then, as you roughly plan your book, some locality which for you evokes a strong mood.

H R F. Keating, *Writing Crime Fiction*, 1986.

Excerpt 16

There are certain books, in almost any field, that are so rare that the collector is very unlikely to find a copy in good condition and, perforce, will have to make do with second, third, or tenth best. To take the most extreme case, the first English comedy is generally reckoned to be Nicholas Udall's *Ralph Roister-Doister*.

Grant Uden, *Understanding Book-Collecting*, 1986.

Excerpt 17

The idea of a variable is simple enough. A variable, as opposed to a constant, is anything, any attribute, that can vary in value; that is, take at least two values.

Stephen Ackroyd, John A. Hughes, *Data Collection in Context*, 1960-1974.

Excerpt 18

A : I should use that word, that was used very loosely that word (*unclear*) cheap.

B : What? Cheap? (*laugh*).

British Rail team Brief Meeting, 1993.

Excerpt 19

Textbooks are not a primary vehicle for the reporting of research results, except for those books which are compilations of the research papers presented at conferences. All of the books containing material related to the theses in the present study are such compilations.

The Purpose and Use of the Research, unpublished, BNC.

Excerpt 20

It was therefore with some disappointment that we faced Dad's inquiries about them next morning.

Kathleen Dayus, *Where There's Life*, 1991.

Excerpt 21

He was glad when she went, taking only a carrier bag full of stockings and underclothes and not leaving a note of farewell or even any address where she might be reached.

Dennis Potter, *Hide and Seek*, 1990.

Excerpt 22

One sleepless night, she awoke from a fit of mother guilt and filled in all of the blanks on Ben's baby book. She had no idea if any of the measurements, dates, and whatnots were actually correct. In fact, she was fairly sure they were not. Ben would never know that. At least it would look like his mother had paid attention to these things. Not like the mother that Annie actually was -- harried, tired, struggling, and sometimes bored.

Mollie Cox Bryan, *Scrapbook of Secrets*, 2012.

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SUBJECT:

"The distinction between restrictive and nonrestrictive is valuable, but we should be prepared to view it as a gradient rather than a dichotomy between two homogeneous categories. One type of relative construction which demonstrates the need for this approach can be illustrated by the following example of TELESCOPED relative construction :

All this I gave up for *the mother who needed me*. [1]

In [1], *mother* may be seen as having an appositional relation to a noun phrase whose head is a general noun such as *person*, accompanied by a relative clause as postmodifier:

All this I gave up for *a person who needed me*, i.e. *my mother*."

Quirk, Randolph, Sidney Greenbaum, Geoffrey Leech & Jan Svartvik. *A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language*. London: Longman, 1985, 17.21. p 1257.

Discuss.

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'Reading, were you?' Rupert picked up the book which lay on the little table by the fire. It turned out to be the poems of Tennyson, bound in green morocco. Could she really have been reading that? he wondered, looking around for the novel stuffed behind a cushion.

Barbara Pym, *An Unsuitable Attachment*, 1993.

Excerpt 2

Ross co-wrote the three part Channel 4 series, which takes a look at the underbelly of the US, with Jack Barth, who also collaborated on a book called Roadside America. The book, which was published in 1986 and became a best-seller, was written with Americans Ken Smith, Michael Wilkes and Doug Kirby after several years of research.

Today, 1985-1994.

Excerpt 3

Caulfield was passing by Stephanie's dressing room with a friend and, pointing to the glamorous actress, said, 'That, in there, is supposed to be my mother.' Stephanie, who on screen proved she was Queen Bitch, turned on Caulfield, sharpened her acting talons and told him, 'Not only am I going to prove in front of the camera that I am your mother, but I'm also the person who will knock you into shape.'

Michael Munn, *Hollywood Rogues*, 1991.

Excerpt 4

They want the baby but not the father. The reasons are many. Either the man she is with is not ready for a long-term commitment, he may be violent and she wants to keep him away from the child. Or she may simply have opted for motherhood without the father which normally completes the traditional 'set'.

Liverpool Daily Post and Echo, 1985-1994.

Excerpt 5

But he had not been in and the note was as she had left it. She crumpled it, threw it away and went to bed. Rain woke very early, stirred by the sounds of a London which never sleeps.

Lesley Grant-Adamson, *Wild Justice*, 1989.

Excerpt 6

Over the years, this yearning has abated somewhat. But last Christmas, I decided to go back and see just how much of the London that I knew still existed.

Roy H. Barnacle, *Beauty in a Dense Urban Fabric*, 1991.

Excerpt 7

Indeed, it's the play's combination of humor and emotional seriousness to which he attributes its success in a London that seems to get more like New York every day:

Theater; Addicted to the Hard Life, New York Times, 1996.

Excerpt 8

Wearily Miranda put down her pen.' I wish I could turn the clock back two years, when my time was spent running KITS. It depresses me to waste time being photographed and hyped.'

S. Conran, *Crimson*, 1992.

Excerpt 9

"Mother, the Raingoddess is here." "Yes child," the mother said, and a large tear trickled down her cheek. Throughout the years, when everything went wrong and the Sungoddess reigned, her mother had shed not a tear, and now that there was hope, she was crying. Mamba had little time to think about it and rushed outside..

Hanan C. Orna, *Mamba*, 1999.

Excerpt 10

Your oldest brother is in New York City. And he's thinking of you, of course! And he's waiting for the minute when we will be there to join him in that wonderful land.

Carol Bierman, *Journey to Ellis Island*, 1999.

Excerpt 11

It was just -- it wasn't movie star talk, it was like a man concerned about his -- the woman he loves and the child that she's bearing.

Today 7:00 AM EST NBC, 2010.

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Excerpt 12

Her father had often spoken of the angels that danced above the bay, that watched over and protected them.

Barbara Freethy, *On Shadow Beach*, 2010.

Excerpt 13

Some wore wet clothes, that I guessed had been hastily cleansed of the stains of their killing. I could hardly believe these were the same men that I had thought I knew and with whom I had joked. (*English Passengers*)

Matthew Kneale, *Sweet Thames*, 1992.

Excerpt 14

The 1859 Salon had been revolutionary in one respect; it was the first exhibition to include photography as art. It was surely that event, together with a growing popular interest in the camera, that transformed the way the new artists began to populate their paintings.

Helen Dudar, *Impressionism's Hard yet Glorious Formative Years*, Smithsonian, 1994.

Excerpt 15

It is a quiet and comfortable village to stop in, as I know from having stopped there, with good walks up into the hills and good fishing – for trout, which begin to come into their own around here as the mountain fish. Indeed, it was on the road just outside Bid array and beside the Nive that I once came close to running a fish over, a glossy trout that seemed to be flipping its way desperately to the roadside and to safety.

J. Sturrock, *The French Pyrenees*, 1988.

Excerpt 16

A few days later, Glenna took the first bus that appeared from the fog – the 2 to Madrona Park via East Union. It was a little before ten, and, though she had her choice of seats, she made her way to the back, where a man was strumming a guitar and humming or singing, she couldn't tell which.

Nelson Kent, *The Beautiful Light*, Southern Review, 2014.

Excerpt 17

Decisions on same-sex marriage in the District and Maryland are radiating deeply into the life of Washington, a place where people's day jobs often give them responsibility for important parts of the nation's government. But beyond their jubilation last week, gay couples who will begin to marry in the District in coming days will still face a federal law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman – and families that sometimes do the same.

Michael Laris, *Gay Marriage Still a Federal Issue*, Washington Post, 2010.

Excerpt 18

Came a time when the stepdaughter had a pretty apron and the other really liked it and became envious.

Lora Segal, *Dearest Roland*, Literary Review, 2002.

Excerpt 19

The slope was crusted with gravel and broken rock, like crumbs on a coffee cake. Of the miners' tiny tormentors there was no sign; a fact which he immediately pointed out to his anxious hosts.

Alan Dean Foster, *Claim Blame*, 2015.

Excerpt 20

When the First World War broke out in 1914 schools were on holiday, which proved to be an advantage to the military authorities who promptly requisitioned the Yorkshire Institution for the Deaf at Doncaster and the Dundee School for the Deaf.

Peter Jackson, *Britain's Deaf Heritage*, 1990.

Excerpt 21

For the moment we have to charge the fee, we can not waive it, but we have to charge it, but we have to charge it at the level that is set by the government and which is subject to review

West Sussex Council: Strategic Planning Committee, 1994.

Excerpt 22

None of the partners here is actually entitled to a salary; in theory we split the profits in accordance with a formula that we fix annually and that takes account of age, and experience and what people are contributing in terms of work or clients.

Janet Neel, *Death of a Partner*, 1991.

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SUBJECT:

"The zero-pronoun is used in the same way as *that*, except that it does not normally occur as subject. (Speaking of the "occurrence" of a zero-pronoun may be avoided here by saying that "non-introduced relative clauses do not normally occur if the antecedent functions as their implied subject".) Non-introduced relative clauses are particularly common in informal style."

Jan A. van Ek & Nico J. Robot, *The Student's Grammar of English*, London: Blackwell, 1985, p. 168.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

I am conflicted about what this would mean to my wife and my children. It's the lifestyle. It's committing a woman I love and two little girls I love, to a lifestyle that is very intrusive and very public.

CNN_Politics, 1988, COCA

Excerpt 2

My wife came to me in the dark and I held her, and her crying slowed and stopped, and of course I was happy for that. I was happy to hold my wife in the dark in this moment of strong feeling for her and to be of help, but as I lay there, my mind could not focus on this woman that I love.

Southern Review, 1990, COCA

Excerpt 3

I have to admit that in the last two years, after unification, things became a little bit different with all the problems which were mentioned in the film we saw, but also with the fact that in the newlander, the attitude towards foreigners is different because these people never had the chance to travel outside, to develop a more detached, liberal attitude towards foreigners and this may complicate things.

ABC_Nightline, 1992, COCA

Excerpt 4

There's also lots of data out there that corporations use that tells us more demographic information about people, about their incomes, about their financial situation, about things they're interested in.

NPR, 2012, COCA

Excerpt 5

Ernest Hemingway was the man he seemed to be, and he wrote as that man. A man who could be both tough and tender, if he tried to be, and could feel his way into other lives, imaginary and widely different in character from himself, yet equally authentic.

neilpeart.net, 2006

Excerpt 6

In Doctor Reefy's office, Elizabeth, a tired gaunt old woman at forty-one, sat in a chair near the stove and looked at the floor. By a small desk near the window sat the doctor. His hands played with a lead pencil that lay on the desk.

Sherwood Anderson, *Death*, Winesburg, Ohio, 1919

Excerpt 7

And she'd gone on the whole time about how she ought to wear spectacles; she knew she needed them; but that it was no good getting any; they'd be sure to break and they'd never keep on. And he'd been so patient. He'd suggested everything--gold rims, the kind that curved round your ears, little pads inside the bridge.

Katherine Mansfield, "Miss Brill", *The Garden Party and Other Stories*, 1922

Excerpt 8

Gajewski talks about all the people she met while serving, including her husband.

New Perspectives: Natalie Gajewski, Not Your Typical Veteran, 2012

Excerpt 9

You see, there was this man came out of the house next door to Papa D's as I was parked surveiling and told me to move along. Clumsy fellow. Tripped himself..

Douglas Browning, *Design of Darkness*, 2009

Excerpt 10

My main sewer got clogged, called allgood plumbing and setup an appointment. The guy came was very friendly.

reviewbuzz.com, last accessed in 2016

Excerpt 11

It tells the story of a young man who first discovers the man he thought was his father isn't.

songwright.co.uk, 2012, Glowbe

Excerpt 12

"Victoria," I said. Abe knew the baby's name. When I had first told him the name we'd chosen for our daughter, Abe had suggested that it was a pretty damn Waspy title for the offspring of an Indian princess and a Chicago Pollock. The man was the epitome of sensitivity. Abe, although well over fifty, still lived with his mother in Bronxville. He was totally absorbed in putting out Voices and seemed indifferent to anything or anyone that didn't directly apply to that end.

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Dan Simmons, *Song of Kali*, 1985

Excerpt 13

In each fist he held his army service medals (left) and his marriage license (right), for he had decided to take his mistakes with him. A little green light flashed in his eye, signaling a right turn he had resolved never to make.

Zadie Smith, *White Teeth*, 2000

Excerpt 14

"Bartleby," said I, in the kindest tone I could assume under such exciting circumstances, "will you go home with me now--not to my office, but my dwelling--and remain there till we can conclude upon some convenient arrangement for you at our leisure? Come, let us start now, right away."

Herman Melville, *Bartleby, the Scrivener (A Story of Wall-Street)*, 1853

Excerpt 15

So far no agency he'd been to had sent him anywhere for a job interview.

Thomas Pynchon, *V*, 1963

Excerpt 16

The days of loyally believing false things about Gustave are over. Incidentally, he never did baptize my breast with Mississippi water; the only time a bottle passed between us was when I sent him some Taburel water to stop his hair falling out.

Julian Barnes, *Flaubert's Parrot*, 1984

Excerpt 17

She was shocked to see how small the big things were: the boulder by the edge of the road she once couldn't see over was on a sitting-on rock. Paths leading to houses weren't miles long.

Toni Morrison, *Beloved*, 1987

Excerpt 18

They would be out there for hours, hallooing and waving their torches, the twins would eventually be found tired and dirty, Lola would be calmed down, and after some self-congratulation over nightcaps, the evening would be over. Within days, or even hours, it would have become an amusing memory to be wheeled out on family occasions: the night the twins ran away.

Ian McEwan, *Atonement*, 2001

Excerpt 19

Only occasionally did it appear to me that Ivy was not just indifferent towards Beatrix but actually hated her. There is one incident, in particular, that stays in my mind.

Jonathan Coe, *The Rain Before It Falls*, 2007

Excerpt 20

Her Dad fumbled with his belt and she looked away. This summer he had gotten like a kid about hiding those nickels and dimes he kept for himself. Sometimes he hid them in his shoes, and other times in a little slit he had cut in his belt. She only halfway wanted to take the dime, but when he held it out her hand was just naturally open and ready.

Carson McCullers, *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, 1943

Excerpt 21

Reagan was not saying USA uber alles, was he, as you try to recklessly cast Romney of doing. Don't confuse patriotism with fanaticism. The day you succeed at persuading others to believe that patriotism is wrong, kiss your own words and freedom of expression good-bye.

mediaite.com, Glowbe, last accessed in 2016

Excerpt 22

Many people think that it is my husband that locked me at home. It is common in this part of the world, when a woman has a baby and decides to sit at home to take care of the baby they think the husband has made her a housewife

dailyindependentnig.com, Glowbe, last accessed in 2016

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SUBJECT:

"[The] differences between relative *that* and relative *who/which* are real. The question is whether they really exclude taking relative *that* to be a relative pronoun in essentially the same sense in which we take *who* and *which* to be relative pronouns.

Richard S. Kayne, *Comparisons and Contrasts*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2010, p. 193.

Discuss.

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He recalled pointing at her, raising his voice. "It's a bit more complicated than doing good and bad, or feeling good and bad. The work that I do, the work everyone does. Even your work. You teach at a private school—is your conscience clear?"

Will Comerford, *The Art of Walking*, 2012

Excerpt 2

But the evidence is there in their own words that "some catastrophic and catalyzing event" was exactly what was required to trigger the increased spending on warfare that they aimed for.

Terry Jones, *Terry Jones's War on the War on Terror*, 2009

Excerpt 3

There had been a police chase that ended with an SUV crushed against the pavement steps of a row house, two small children pinned fatally beneath its wheels. Marquan hadn't meant to hurt anyone; of that she was certain. He had a little brother the same age as those kids, whom he walked to school every day, escorted home again each evening.

Pam Jenoff, *The things we cherished*, 2011, Coca

Excerpt 4

"On Thursday I went to the campus during the day and filmed a number of events including the visit to Hamilton Hall by H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael. HRB gave a statement outside which was filmed.

Peter Whitehead, *Dossier: "The Fall"*, 2011.

Excerpt 5

"Even with others he works alone." Charles's brother had said that.

Nevada Barr, *Destroyer angel :an Anna Pigeon novel*, 2014.

Excerpt 6

JUDY-WOODRUFF But he was also, as I understand it, from what I have read, emotional in describing his relationship with his wife. I mean, he got into some personal details about the two of them. CRAIG-CARPER That's true. That's true. He did. And, you know, he opened his testimony today saying that, you know, he's a private person, and this makes him very uncomfortable.

PBS NewsHour, 2014, Coca.

Excerpt 7

There will be no positive change for any of us, Black or White, men or women, young or old, rich or poor, until certain basic institutions of our society are changed. Which is all the more reason why the Black woman can ill afford to become the silent woman.

Essence, 2015, COCA.

Excerpt 8

Questions from tutees may alert tutors to the fact that the tutors themselves do not fully understand aspects of the concept or task.

Reading Improvement, 2015, Coca.

Excerpt 9

So I turned to this trainer with the clipboard and — in the way that one sometimes distractedly blurts out something from a reverie that doesn't quite, but in a weird way almost perfectly suits, present circumstances — said, "I'm not a robot, I'm a human being," a fact which, by the way, I'm not particularly proud of. But that whole can of worms -- cyborgs, prosthetics, DIY synthetic biology, posthumanism, whether one's aggregate self, one's "mind" can be downloaded — is something that I'm planning on dealing with ad nauseum in the excerpts I'll be reading tonight.

Mark Leyner, *Gone With The Mind*, 2015.

Excerpt 10

"He had absolutely no contact with whites, as far as we know, despite the fact people wanted to believe he'd learned from Europeans," says Bruce Vandervort.

Stephan Wilkinson, *Military History*, 2014.

Excerpt 11

But underneath I had a helpless feeling, a knowledge that became a pressure, that the job and the desk with everything in just the right place and lunch with the girls and all the people there I cared about were ending for me.

Mitch Berman, *The Day My Fingers Stopped*, 1992.

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Excerpt 12

In the meantime I got my master's and had cards printed up in blue and lavender that said, "NATHAN SCHWARTZ, BA, MSW, "and I went to work for the Welfare Department which became the Department of Human Resources.

Irvin Faust, *Starring Nohj Anyew*, 2001.

Excerpt 13

I just did what I thought was the best thing to do.

CBS, 2014, COCA

Excerpt 14

It's all about kids, not only in this country but around the world living in poverty and finding a way to lift them out of that which we hope we can do.

NBC, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 15

The thing that surprised me was the free safety let me run by him at about the 10-yard line. I found that peculiar.

Chicago Sun-Times, 1994, COCA

Excerpt 16

The sight of her blue and inflated face took her breath away and terrified her, the suture creeping across her mouth like a strange vine. The swelling and bruising hid a reality, she knew. She tried to demolish the hope that crept up, the banal optimism that promised she could return to life as a pretty girl.

Bergman, Megan Mayhew, *Saving Face*, 2011

Excerpt 16

And in the corner, a stall with a cracked wooden door, through which he can hear the sound of a bull chewing calmly.

Nellie Hermann, *The season of migration*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 17

Now that he was working and studying with real purpose, he had a problem. His cramped room in the Decrucq house, that he shared at night with two small children, was no good for his art work.

Philip Callow, *Van Gogh: a life*, 1994, COCA

Excerpt 18

Although he felt sure he would win her in the end, he was annoyed at her continuing coyness. It didn't come well from a girl who took her clothes off every night in front of an audience of five hundred, at least half of whom must be men.

Fiona. P Owen, *Misfortunes of Nigel Pitt-Kethley*, 1991, BNC

Excerpt 19

They go round to the place where they work, er they go there to know if they've done the job properly.

Nottinghamshire Oral History Project: business meeting, 1994, BNC

Excerpt 20

The bone was smooth and polished like someone took loving care of it. I wondered who would do a thing like that.

Lynda E. Ricker, *Where the Summer Dwells*, 2015, COCA

Excerpt 21

The building set on fire was a shop adjoining to an inhabited dwelling house, *which house was not only endangered* by such firing, but principally consumed.

John Lansing Wendell, *Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court*, 1842

Excerpt 22

It also seems that, if this survey covers both private and public sector projects, a billion quid isn't that big a figure at all.

Scotsman, 1994, BNC

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SUBJECT:

"Non-Restrictive Relative Clauses are syntactically subordinate but behave semantically like independent clauses."

Doug ARNOLD, « Non-restrictive relative clauses in construction-based HPSG », *in* Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar, Stanford, CSLI Publications, 2004, p. 45.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

"We'll take her out that door. Grab her by the collar." Joey D headed to the emergency exit, which promised loud fire alarms if opened.

Wilton Barnhardt, *Lookaway*, *lookaway*, 2013

Excerpt 2

The drug, which promised to "prolong the lives of an estimated 600,000 people in the United States" (8/26/89, p. 135), helped make AIDS a treatable disease instead of a death sentence.

Raloff, Janet et al, *Science News*, 2012

Excerpt 3

Extrapolating from this, *sunyata* does not mean "complete nothingness"; it is, rather, something "serenely vibrant" that "has both negative and positive facets." A zero may have no value in itself, but it is something which, placed behind any integer, multiplies its value.

Chris Arthur, *Room, Empty*, 2006

Excerpt 4

I would say it is in the nature of the Will to remain true to its origins. I even speak of that as a Vision, yes, gentlemen, a force that lives at the core of our human existence. It is this Vision which separates us from the animals.

Norman Mailer, *The Castle In The Forest*, 2007

Excerpt 5

The Culver family marched. The wheelbarrow, full as it was of grain, was exceedingly heavy. Coco had to rest the handles on her back and hunch over so she was nearly crawling. Other families, none of whom had oxen, shared the burden of their wagons and wheelbarrows. No one else had rations.

Lydia Conklin, *Pioneer*, 2014

Excerpt 6

I don't recall ever eating with someone who said a single important thing to me, or who puzzled me with a story about a scientist or a mathematician who had altered history with his idea. I just remember talking about the kids and their goofy behavior on a trip, or my wife's shopping sprees at the mall with our Christmas list.

The Man Next Door, *The Man Next Door*, 2014

Excerpt 7

Moving her away from family and friends had been one of the first things he'd done, taking her from Spokane all the way to Florida, where there were supposed to be good jobs. The job had never materialized, but he'd succeeded in getting her far from family, friends, and all that was familiar.

Debbie Macomber, *Last one home*, 2015

Excerpt 8

They were taking advantage of the fact that Josh Matteson's parents were away for the month. They were all trying a little too hard to look relaxed, like something they'd seen in a movie, but the truth was, none of them really belonged there. The girls from the Fiat, for instance. Trinity Kale, whose parents were divorcing, belonged in Florida with her grandparents.

Allen, Sarah Addison, *First Frost*, 2015

Excerpt 9

They had all mourned him... every person in the three villages, as well as his family. Not because he was the heir, but because he had been one of the nicest of young men. Now it was Miles who would one day inherit the earldom and everything that this entailed.

Barbara Taylor, Bradford, *The Cavendon women*, 2015

Excerpt 10

Then he quietly opened the bundle of money and took out two hundred-dollar bills, which he placed at the Master's feet.

srichinmoylibrary.com, Glowbe, last accessed in 2015

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Excerpt 11

Jon opens his eyes and says in *putonghua*, which I must admit he speaks as well as I do, "Xiao, I just found a bounty the Vanuwes put on my head three years ago. You haven't used my I.D. to hitchhike, have you?"
Felicity Savage, *Cyberfate*, 1995

Excerpt 12

I'm sorry? I said, stopping in the kitchen, where the mismatched clocks on the microwave and stove blinked greenly. A power outage, which I must have slept through. Was Lia's death somehow tied to that? There was so much I didn't know.

Paul Griner, *Second life*, 2015

Excerpt 13

Howard overturned Keating era legislation that stated that tax cuts were to be paid as super contributions, and this led to the poorest workers missing out on the huge equity growth period of the late 1990s (and this equity growth has not been eroded by recent losses) thus stripping billions of dollars of super equity for workers.

abc.net.au, 2011, Glowbe

Excerpt 14

He was promise fulfilled, one of those people who makes the most ordinary occasion brilliant. Build a blanket fort in the living room, which Peter, Sasha's little brother, loved to do? With Dan's help we built Peter a blanket civilization, with a theater and a civic center and a mausoleum for Peter's stuffed hippopotamus, whom we named Hippocritz, the Czar-King of Egypt-Arabia.

Ann Packer, *Swim Back To Me*, 2011

Excerpt 15

Sure, I might not have elevated the schlocky dialogue to the heights Jackson Gunn was capable of, but on the upside, I delivered it without passing out. Which was more than he could have done, given the slithering circumstances. Snake phobias are no joke when you're billed as the World's Manliest Man. # "CUT!" # "Thanks a lot, Jack." The actress (whose name, I now remembered, was Sparky West-Havenno wonder I'd temporarily blocked it) ducked out from under my arm with a shove to my kidney, and flounced off, puppies bouncing.

Linda Grimes, *The Big Fix*, 2015

Excerpt 16

Maybe his head needed a new filing system. But of course something like time could never be filed away because it was on the agenda every waking minute of every day. Who could even define it? And effort, well, everyone had a rendition, right? His father's habitual term was elbow grease, of which Cletus never seemed to have had enough.

Susan Engberg, *Wednesday Rain*, 2015

Excerpt 17

To the locals, he became known as the administer. Welcomed home by the cattle ranchers and businessmen, of which he was one, he wasted little time in asserting regulation over Motoa and Ahana, and eventually expanded his sphere of influence until it stretched around the whole island.

Ted Kosmatka, *The Color Least Used by Nature*, 2012

Excerpt 18

He was now, aged twenty-six, the sole owner of Hock's Menswear. He had employees — salesmen, the tailor Azanow, a woman who kept the books — and loyal customers. Within a few years he married Deena, and not much more than a year later Deena gave birth to a daughter, Claudia, whom they called Chicky.

Paul Theroux, *The Lower River* 2012

Excerpt 19

The subject under discussion was Cory Beckett's brother, Kenneth, who had been arrested and arraigned six weeks ago on a grand theft charge. The bail amount was a cool fifty thousand, which meant she'd had to put up the usual 10 percent commission in cash plus some kind of collateral for most or all of the rest. I didn't ask what the collateral was; it was none of my concern.

Bill Pronzini, *Vixen*, 2015

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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"ARCs [Appositive Relative Clauses] have often been considered supplementary information, therefore non-essential/optional. This has become a traditional defining criterion of ARCs. We of course strongly disagree with the optional character or suppressibility of ARCs. What is certain, however, is that the embedding of the information gives the RC another status: the informational content is taken into the background, as opposed to the informational content of the main clause, in the foreground. Loetscher (1973) and Cornilescu (1981) distinguish between "*hot news*" and "*not so hot news*", which is an interesting way to consider the information considered by the MC [Main Clause] and the ARC. Cotte (1997:134-135, my translation) mentions information that has some value while retaining some subordinate character, which in the end makes the ARC partially integrated. A relative clause that is appositive is then considered as "*a syntactic means of backgrounding information*"."

Rudy Loock, *Appositive Relative Clauses in English*, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing Company, 2010, p.48.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

And then there is the eagle. A creature of the air and high places, whose horizons go all the way to the edge of the world. Eyesight keen enough to spot the rustle of some small and squeaky creature half a mile away.

Terry Pratchett, *Small Gods*, 1992

Excerpt 2

The gates now glide open to disclose a view of the world outside the wall. The shimmering bleached wilderness of The Arizona Desert. Out in the distance, where the lodeway tapers into the scrub, a vehicle emerges from the shimmer.

Caspian Tredwell-Owen, *The Island*, 2013

Excerpt 3

She was a couple of years older than I was, almost thirty, with hair the color of mahogany and eyes the lightest shade of green I'd ever seen. She had high cheekbones, which she'd inherited from her mother, and a strong jaw, which she'd gotten from her father. She was thin, but not in an unhealthy way, not to my eyes at least.

Paul Doiron, *The Precipice*, 2015

Excerpt 4

Budget cuts have forced agencies to slow the hiring pipeline in the past two years, and with job prospects in the private sector improving after the long economic slowdown, millennials are increasingly taking jobs outside government, where they can see a better chance of advancement. Millennials who want to try their hand at government work often find themselves having to compete with older, more experienced candidates — or older military veterans — who often are given preference in hiring, even for entry-level jobs. “I had an idealized picture in my head of what it would be like to work for the government,” recalled Laura Freeze, 28, who started sending applications to USAJobs, the main federal jobs board, two years ago. At the Office of Personnel Management, which oversee personnel issues for the federal government, top brass say they are making a push to hire millennials, who are often defined as people born between the early 1980s and late 1990s.

Lisa Rein, “Millennials exit the federal workforce as government jobs lose their allure”, *The Washington Post*, December 2015

Excerpt 5

County officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were describing private conversations, said the board members who lost faith in Starr cited concerns with his approach to closing the school system’s achievement gap and his candidacy for the chancellorship of New York’s public schools after a little more than two years in Rockville.

Donna St. George, “Montgomery County school superintendent to step down”, *The Washington Post*, February 2015

Excerpt 6

Jack had literally choked when Abner told him the equipment cost millions of dollars. Abner had personally bought, paid, and installed everything in the room at his own expense, which relieved Jack of all his anxiety. The guys, most of whom were seeing it for the first time, oohed and aaahed, but it was Dennis West who said it looked like a room at NASA.

Fern Michaels, *Double Down*, 2015

Excerpt 7

“Sure,” I said, waving my hand. “We’ll hop on the next liner.” It was what I always said when the topic came up, which was often, and always after boatloads of booze. It was our little game.

Sara Gruen, *At the Water’s Edge*, 2015

Excerpt 8

She glanced nervously at the GPS, which claimed she should arrive at Cypress Key in 14.2 miles, and again at the dashboard, where the needle of the fuel gauge hovered dangerously below the quarter-full mark.

Mary Kay Andrews, *Beach Town*, 2015

Excerpt 9

The eager reception for the Wisconsin governor and likely presidential candidate — who picked up a \$100,000 check on the spot from one person at the Indian Wells, Calif., event — was repeated as he hopscothed across the country last week in the first fundraising tour for his new political committee.

In the intense jockeying to win the 2016 money primary, former Florida governor Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie are moving aggressively to lock down financial backers nationwide. On their heels is Walker, who has a 50-state network of wealthy contributors and small donors far more expansive than might be expected for a Midwestern governor and former Milwaukee county executive.

Matea Gold, “Scott Walker works to harness national donor network for White House run”, *The Washington Post*, February 2015

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Excerpt 10

And then there's something that doesn't make it into the film, but which I saw myself when I interviewed him in 1993. It was in Seattle, where he'd gone to give some talks, and his aide let it slip that whenever he traveled, he would ask his hosts to set up a meeting with local children with disabilities.

Michael D. Lemonick, "Hawking: Is He All He's Cracked Up To Be?", *Time*, February 2014

Excerpt 11

Roeser said the village bought all of the condos in the building except one, which he said was seller-financed. He was told by village officials they could not purchase that condo since it was owned by others. The purchaser of the seller-financed condo has since defaulted and possession was returned to Roeser. In correspondence to Roeser Feb. 22, Miller said village officials do not dispute there was an agreement to make Roeser whole for the expenses he incurred with the acquisition and rehabilitation of the property. "Which, in fact, the village has done," Miller said.

Erin Sauder, "Roeser: Dispute with East Dundee officials over lack of communication", *The Chicago Tribune*, February 2016

Excerpt 12

Now it was afternoon, and he headed to the apartment where he still lives with his mother, who was a nurse until the health center where she worked closed, at which point she began hawking peanuts. Udoh makes about \$40 a month hustling work as a hairdresser.

Stephanie McCrummen, "A Nigerian neighborhood symbolizes nation's tumble toward crisis", *The Washington Post*, March 2015

Excerpt 13

At that moment a gong sounded to announce dinner, and there was a general surge towards the exit in the course of which Persse got separated from Angelica. To his chagrin, he found himself obliged to sit between to medievalists, one from Oxford and the other from Aberystwyth, who, leaning back at dangerous angles on their chairs, conducted an animated discussion about Chaucerian metrics behind his back, while he bent forward over his roast shoe-leather and cast longing looks up to the other end of the table, where Philip Swallow and Robin Dempsey were vying to entertain Angelica Pabst.

David Lodge, *Small World*, 1984

Excerpt 14

Meanwhile, Sophie scurried out the door, where she lit a cigarette and took several quick puffs before stepping back inside.

Fern Michaels, *Breaking News*, 2012

Excerpt 15

"What this means is that women are expected to dress a certain way to get a man's attention. Men on college campuses feel entitled to sex. I am writing to you as a 21-year-old, college senior, who has watched many women degrade themselves to fit in and feel loved and accepted at parties. I want women to feel the love of Jesus Christ."

Eizabeth Groppe, *Dear Pope Francis*, 2015

Excerpt 16

Chandra emerges from their building, sunglasses perched on her head, holding a small brown bag and a section of newspaper. "I'm going outside!" Melanie calls, as she steps into her shoes, glad to be away from her mother, whom she always calls Bernice, even to her face, just to show that she feels no closeness.

Amina Gautier, *Girl of Wisdom*, 2007

Excerpt 17

Cal had been with her at the time—she was scheduled to take him to the babysitter's at nine-thirty—and thank God at least he knew enough to run over to the neighbor's, whom Carol had never particularly liked because the lady made a point of staying home full time with her daughters, doing meticulous yard work, and not allowing junk food or the cartoon channel in the house.

Trudy Lewis, *Old Wives' Mail: A Short Story*, 2007

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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"Quirk *et al.* emphasize that although '[t]he distinction between restrictive and non-restrictive is valuable, [...] we should be prepared to view it as a gradient rather than as a dichotomy between two homogeneous categories' (1985:1257).

(3.48) She has three sons ___ she could rely on for help, so she was not unduly worried.
(taken from Huddleston 1984:399)

Even if the mother in question in (3.48) has exactly three sons so that the relative clause cannot be said to restrict the antecedent's reference, the relative clause cannot be omitted without severely altering the meaning of the entire sentence. The relative clause is clearly an 'integral' (i.e. essential) element of the DP: without it the remaining phrase *three sons* would lead to a radically different sentence meaning [...]. Thus instead of speaking of a restrictive or non-restrictive dichotomy, it seems more appropriate to distinguish obligatory and optional relative clauses."

Thomas Hoffmann, *Preposition Placement in English. A Usage-Based Approach*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, p. 48.

Discuss.

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Excerpt 1

I understand you're a man who knows how to get things.

Frank Darabont, *The Shawshank Redemption*, 1994

Excerpt 2

Ladies and gentlemen, you've heard all the evidence, you know all the facts. We have the accused at the scene of the crime. We have foot prints. Tire tracks. Bullets scattered on the ground which bear his fingerprints. A broken bourbon bottle, likewise with fingerprints. Most of all, we have a beautiful young woman and her lover lying dead in each other's arms.

Frank Darabont, *The Shawshank Redemption*, 1994

Excerpt 3

Doc Brown takes him to a crude plywood tabletop model of the Hill Valley town square which he's constructed himself.

Robert Zemeckis & Bob Gale, *Back to the Future*, 1984

Excerpt 4

The dinosaur had spit in his eyes. Even as he realized it, the pain overwhelmed it, and he dropped to his knees, disoriented, wheezing. He collapsed onto his side, his cheeks pressed to the wet ground, his breath coming in thin whistles through the constant, ever-screaming pain that caused flashing spots of light to appear behind his tightly shut eyelids.

Michael Crichton, *Jurassic Park*, 1991

Excerpt 5

No human being could fail to be deeply moved by such a tribute as this award. Coming from a profession I have served so long, and a people I have loved so well, it fills me with an emotion I cannot express.

Douglas MacArthur, *Duty, Honor, Country*, 1962

Excerpt 6

You are the leaven which binds together the entire fabric of our national system of defense. From your ranks come the great captains who hold the nation's destiny in their hands the moment the war tocsin sounds.

Douglas MacArthur, *Duty, Honor, Country*, 1962

Excerpt 7

Gimli wept openly. 'I have looked the last upon that which was fairest,' he said to Legolas his companion.

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, 1954

Excerpt 8

No trace of the fight remained but the charred trees and the arrows of Legolas lying on the hill-top. All were undamaged save one of which only the point was left.

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, 1954

Excerpt 9

Making a correct diagnosis requires a lot of generalized knowledge, which means reading a lot of medical journals, and the only time Cohen has for that is late at night, after her three children have gone to bed and she has finished working on whatever patient charts she has brought home because there was no time to finish them at the office.

David Finkel, "The Doctor of the future", *The Washington Post*, November 1993

Excerpt 10

There are plenty of people who try to shame and blame responsible gun owners every time there's some insane person who decides to commit a crime with a gun. I simply will not give up my second amendment rights for the actions of a few crazy people.

Chris Cheng, *White Collar Gun-Shaming*, 2013

Excerpt 11

Have women's appearances now become completely off-limits for public discussion, and if so, why do they keep Instagramming their shoes at me? And then, of course, the killer: if you are a woman who tends to roll your eyes at messages like this on LinkedIn or Twitter but ignore them on the grounds that life's too short, are you a traitor to your sex for not calling it out? Or worse still, in danger of becoming an old battleaxe who fails to notice that things have moved on and younger women won't put up with the nonsense you did?

Gaby Hinsliff, "Three simple rules for giving compliments without causing offence", *The Guardian*, September 2015

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Excerpt 12

He was an inch, perhaps two, under six feet, powerfully built, and he advanced straight at you with a slight stoop of the shoulders, head forward, and a fixed from-under stare which made you think of a charging bull. His voice was deep, loud, and his manner displayed a kind of dogged self-assertion which had nothing aggressive in it.

Joseph Conrad, *Lord Jim*, 1900

Excerpt 13

It began with a big party. The government built Festac town to house musicians and artists who came to Nigeria for the pan-African cultural extravaganza called Festac '77, a kind of Woodstock for the continent underwritten by Nigeria's booming, newly nationalized oil industry. Like the festival, the town was meant to be a point of pride, a showcase for the kind of society that Nigeria's government could deliver. Festac had its own post office, power station, and police and fire departments. It had a sports club, health centers and public schools. It had streetlamps that flooded light onto the sidewalks in the evenings.

Stephanie McCrummen, *The Washington Post*, March 2015

Excerpt 14

It also happens to be how health care is organized in most other industrialized countries, none of which is said to be in crisis like the United States. "In those countries, primary care is first-contact, longitudinal care that is comprehensive and person-centered rather than disease – or organ-system specific," said a recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

David Finkel, "The Doctor of the future", *The Washington Post*, November 1993

Excerpt 15

"I did my Master's thesis on Shakespeare and T.S. Eliot."

"Then you are no doubt familiar with Miss Weston's book, *From Ritual to Romance*, on which Mr Eliot drew for much of the imagery and allusion in *The Waste Land*?"

"Indeed I am," said Persse.

David Lodge, *Small World*, 1984

Excerpt 16

It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union.

Susan B. Anthony, *Are Women Persons?*, 1873

Excerpt 17

There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till. The power which resides in him is new in nature, and none but he knows what that is which he can do, nor does he know until he has tried.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self Reliance*, 1841

Excerpt 18

I, for one, resent it when a representative of the people refers to you and me, the free men and women of this country, as "the masses." This is a term we haven't applied to ourselves in America

Ronald Reagan, *The Speech*, 1964

Excerpt 19

When the new administration took office, I was one of the many Americans who hoped it would mean that our country would benefit from the fresh perspectives, the new ideas, the different priorities of a leader who had no part in the mistakes of the past. Mr. Nixon had said things like this: "If our cities are to be livable for the next generation, we can delay no longer in launching new approaches to the problems that beset them and to the tensions that tear them apart." And he said, "When you cut expenditures for education, what you are doing is shortchanging the American future." But frankly, I have never cared too much what people say. What I am interested in is what they do. We have waited to see what the new administration is going to do. The pattern now is becoming clear.

Shirley Chisholm, *The Business of America is War*, 1969

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SUBJECT:

"*Preposition stranding* is regarded by many as an *informal* and incorrect feature of English; however, this prejudice is often ill-founded (Huddelston and Pullum 2002, Quirk et al. 1985, Alexander 1988, Biber et al. 1999). Although in certain cases preposition stranding does mark a more informal or conversational style, there are many situations in which preposition stranding is a more natural choice and often it cannot even be avoided."

Maria Brenda, *The Cognitive Perspective on the Polysemy of the English Spatial Preposition Over*. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2014, p 92.

Discuss.

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She turned as two uniformed policemen came in through the main entrance.' Have you gentlemen come to see the lady who fell backwards off a bus and hurt her knee twenty minutes ago?

Lucilla Andrews, *Hospital Circles*, 1986.

Excerpt 2

There are many vulnerable people – such as the lady whom I mentioned – who are waiting for treatment, and whose fears and emotions can be exploited.

Hansard extracts 1991–1992

Excerpt 3

Here was someone to whom I could confide. My first real grown-up friend. A man who made me laugh and feel better.

The Daily Mirror, 1992.

Excerpt 4

Ron wants to raise money for disabled children, whom he has worked with for many years.

The Daily Mirror, 1992.

Excerpt 5

Literally translated, euthanasia means 'easy death' – but there is nothing easy about ending the life of a patient for whom pain has made existence intolerable.

The Daily Mirror, 1992.

Excerpt 6

I must apologize to The Girl, the one at whom I threw all those birds. I made her a star. There are others to whom I must apologize once they reach this realm. According to the rules written in blood and ink, the rules that reach to the ceiling, I must feel the apologies inwardly.

Charles Baxter, *Sloth*, New England Review, 2014.

Excerpt 7

He knows it chiefly as a source of seasonal traffic jams about which Marjorie sometimes complains (the University day begins too late and finishes too early to inconvenience Vic himself) and of distractingly pretty girls about whose safety he worries, seeing them walking to and fro between their halls of residence and the Students' Union in the evenings.

David Lodge, *Nice Work*, 1988.

Excerpt 8

'Ah, here is Judith and your new maid.' The Queen's voice came from a great distance. Her maid. Another person to whom she must speak, at whom she must smile, with whom she must pretend.

Julia Byrne, *My Enemy, my Love*, 1993.

Excerpt 9

[...] it is not the great number of rounds that destroys a cannon but the high elevation at which it is fired.

J G. Farrell, *The Siege of Krishnapur*, 1988.

Excerpt 10

We've just been trying to get ready to do this job because we want to keep America strong and great, and move into this future as the greatest country in the world, that the whole rest of the world looks up to.

Fox_Sunday, 1999.

Excerpt 11

Getting back together with my sister, I feel like I've moved on in life. Like I can live the way I'm supposed to now, more than ever before. It was something I had to face up to.

Murakami Haruki, *Chance Traveller*, Harpers Magazine, 2005.

Excerpt 12

Her face was solemn, her eyes looking at something very far away. And yet it was Sir Dominic at whom she was looking. At whom? Through whom? Beyond whom?

She was stooping slightly over the table upon which a sheet of paper had been spread [...].

A. Bertram Chandler, *The Dark Dimensions*, 2015.

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Excerpt 13

This we believe God does in the souls of his martyrs, who lay down their lives for him with a love than which no man hath greater.

John E. Thiel, *Time, Judgment, and Competitive Spirituality*, Theological Studies, 2008.

Excerpt 14

He shows them to his close friends Rachel Andrews and Olive Washington, both of whom you will meet in a little bit.

Gary Gildner, *Pro Bono*, Confrontation, 2012.

Excerpt 15

You remember Carrie? Of course you do. She's one of my two evil sisters, both of whom live in palazzos.

Charles Baxter, *Chastity*, Kenyon Review, 2014.

Excerpt 16

Let's say, for example, that I'd been assigned the task to run down case law involving practical residuals for a U.S. syndicated television show sold to Croatian markets [...]. This necessitated a staggering amount of legwork, only a fraction of which could be legitimately accounted for.

Eric Garcia, *Cassandra French's Finishing School for Boys*, 2005.

Excerpt 17

The smell we had noticed earlier grew stronger as we opened the next door on the left. It was a smell I had known before I ever came here: every home I ever worked in had it, no matter how hard it had been scrubbed. The flashlight's beam picked up a carpet, dresser, and two single beds, on each of which lay an unmoving body.

Matthew Johnson, *The Afflicted*, 2015.

Excerpt 18

We corresponded often, I even made a few custom antiques with the Square and Compasses on them leafed in gold, of which he bought two. He gave one to his dad, Worshipful Brother Butch Schimian and he kept one.

midnightfreemasons.org, 2013

Excerpt 19

Mr. Carter was especially in favor of the hickory flavor imparted to the venison, and June Bug, most satisfied with the blackberry pie, of which he ate three pieces.

John Hooks, *Quiver of Redemption*, 2010.

Excerpt 20

.'But surely, if the movement still exists, I ought to know more about it? I would owe that to my father... to try and understand something which he believed in enough to die for?'

Peter Cave, *Foxbat*, 1979

Excerpt 21

Tremayne lent me his Volvo to go to the boatyard in the morning, reminding me before I set off that it was the day of the awards dinner at which he was to be honoured.

Dick Francis, *Longshot*, 1990

Excerpt 22

They exchange a glance that refers to a conversation that I have not been privy to.

Michele Christle, *Lagon Bleu*, Kenyon Review, 2015.

Excerpt 23

I shall now give you his account of things, leaving the official manner of his speech intact: it happened that, some days previous, a furious and unplanned storm had begun, as a result of which the moon had lost its senses, thus causing a total and generalized darkness to take effect.

Mia Couto, *A Sleepwalking Land*, Literary Review, 1995.

Excerpt 24

The ANC at that time had very close links to the African Mine Workers' Union, the largest group of whose members were Bemba, but which included members of tribes from all over Zambia, as well as from Tanganyika and Nyasaland.

Laurence Cockcroft, *Africa's way: a journey from the past*, 1990.

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SUBJECT:

“Les relatives construites avant la proposition principale sont constitutives. Elles contribuent à une référence nominale en catégorisant ou en identifiant : sous-classe ouverte ou référent isolé dans un ensemble ou une situation [...].

Les relatives construites après la principale déterminent une référence constituée et elles sont seulement qualificatives. Les constitutives fusionnent avec l'antécédent. [...] Les qualificatives s'apposent.”

Pierre Cotte, « Les propositions relatives et l'énonciation », *Cycnos*, Volume 17 n° Spécial, 2008, p. 7.

Discuss.

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The Triassic period ended with a large extinction of the animals that had been living then.

creationwiki.org, 2014

Excerpt 2

Worth noting that the woman that I saw was not wearing a jacket (this was outside in the summer time!) and was wearing flats, I believe sandals, with her mini.

corporette.com, 2015

Excerpt 3

This noise that I am hearing is not due to tinnitus.

noisyneighbours.ne, 2013

Excerpt 4

Here, too, I lit a cigarette, which I occasionally puffed on as I applied my make- up.

Elizabeth Kuhnke, *Body Language for Dummies*, 2015

Excerpt 5

Saleh, in his turn, became sorefooted, but Abud refused to give up the horse which I had lent him, and caused me much annoyance by constantly asking for money.

Austen Henry Layard, *Early Adventures in Persia, Susiana, and Babylonia*, 2011

Excerpt 6

He had been camping in Wales, and he was due on the 4th of August to drive across the country to us in the car he had bought with some money he had earned.

Rebecca West, *The Saga of the Century: The Fountain Overflows*, 2012

Excerpt 7

Truth be told I was black out drunk and lit a cigarette which caught my hair on fire and burnt off most of my man bangs.

reddit.com, 2015

Excerpt 8

The Zulu (who slept next to him on our side) had, apparently, just lighted a cigarette which projected upward from a slender holder.

The Lost Generation Anthology, 2012, books.google.fr

Excerpt 9

Following last week's disaster I did at least make it into the Solent this weekend! Wearing a wet suit for the first time, which I had borrowed from Mike, was a little restrictive to say the least.

marocaroundtheclock.org, 2012

Excerpt 10

He was prepping the bird, which I had dumped into a cooler full of brine the previous night, when the smell started. Like all experienced cooks, he figured that the trash just needed to be taken out, which he did. But that wasn't it.

martinimade.com, 2012

Excerpt 11

I remembered a girl who stood in front of me in the lunch line – how the static electricity in her glittery brown Rapunzel hair made it fizz out and tickle my face; and I thought that was the sweetest feeling, what people sang about, and that it had nothing in common with the things I had to do for my stepfather at home.

The Atlantic Monthly, 2001, Coca

Excerpt 12

The flight went well. I brought his buggy which proved to be so useful in Florida and just a couple of small backpacks that I could manage alone.

hefamilyvoyage.blogspot.com, 2009, Glowbe

Excerpt 13

When I started swallowing the seawater and felt it go into my lungs, I experienced a fear that I will never be able to fully describe.

theplayerstribune.com, 2015

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Excerpt 14

He was super-interesting and he was all wound up, and then he fell asleep. Like a toy that gets wound up, wound up, wound up, and then falls asleep. And he brought his pillows that I found out were the pillows he slept on as a baby in his crib, which was far too much information for me to know, but it just showed what an open person he was.

avclub.com, 2012, Glowbe

Excerpt 15

"Shall we?" "Uhh," Floyd said, "I'm kind of rusty." "You'll do fine." This wasn't the Floyd I knew. The Floyd I knew would have preferred the old lounge that he, John, and I rarely shared with more than a couple others. He would have rebelled when Yokomichi even suggested going to a party with more people than he'd seen at one time in all the annums I'd known him. I could never have talked him into it."

Analog Science Fiction & Fact, 2010, Coca

Excerpt 16

Irne is instructed by cellphone to look after Elliott's estranged French daughter Orlando (Sara Forestier), who loathes the father that deserted her when her mother died, and Elliot's young son David (Tom Riley) from the US who adores his father and has come to Paris to see him.

amazon.com, 2007, Glowbe

Excerpt 17

She credits her mother for teaching her it's possible to make a difference – very quietly. "It's the choices that you make and the things that you're willing to accept and not accept that define who you are. For her, I don't think it was really a major moment. I think she just looked at the situation and said, 'This isn't right and I'm just not gonna do it anymore. This is not the America that I was brought up to believe in. And it's not the America that I want to raise my children in,'" she said.

cbsnews.com, 2015

Excerpt 18

The hair was rediscovered as one of the show's antiques experts, Anita Manning, and Abbotsford's Jason Dyer examined a blotter book that had belonged to Napoleon and which had been on show in the library at the historic house.

thesouthernreporter.co.uk, 2011

Excerpt 19

Not to mention the fact that women that have short hair want long hair and the women that have long hair want short hair.

allhairlosttreatments.com, 2015

Excerpt 20

To tell you the fact it's just a false hope that you have given me. I have not received any services from your side so far.

grahakseva.com, 2011

Excerpt 21

Since he couldn't see very well in the corner, he lit a match which was followed by a loud bang. Incidentally, he found the gas leak!

Jacobaris, *A Lousy Start: A Realistic Book about the Great Depression*, 2010

Excerpt 22

Coach Pete DeBoer said Zidlicky could be a special pickup. "To me it looks like it. I think he's gotten better and better," coach Pete DeBoer said. "He's exactly what we needed: Right shot, he moves the puck, plays on the power play, competes hard in his own end. He's exactly as advertised." He definitely settled my doubts. I was worried because the Devils gave up a lot for him. He was failing in Minnesota and didn't want to be there. But he picked up his game which shut up most of the doubters.

thenhlarena.com, 2015, Glowbe

Excerpt 23

"No," Miss Finlay-Johnson answers — by implication if not directly — "we educate our children in order to help them to develop their faculties or, in a word, to grow." In giving this answer, an answer which she has embodied in her system, Miss Finlay-Johnson has made a daring departure from the beaten track which education has followed for many generations.

archive.spectator.co.uk, 2015

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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"Wh-interrogative clauses express indirect questions. [...]

Nominal relative clauses also have a wh- element, but they express entities and can be paraphrased by 'that which' or 'the thing(s) which' as in:

What he said pleased me = 'that which'/the things which he said pleased me."

Angela Downing and Philip Locke, *English Grammar – A University Course* (Second edition), Routledge, Abingdon, 2006 (1992)

Discuss.

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The waiter sullenly removed the menu and asked him what he wanted. Caleb settled for a beer, knowing that there was no trusting any bottled concoction.

World Literature Today, 1996, Coca

Excerpt 2

Arriving in America in 1846, Rabbi Wise liked what he saw.

Edwin S. Gaustad, *Memoirs of the Spirit*, 2001

Excerpt 3

Jefferson reacted strongly to the news and would not sue for peace. He wanted reinforcements sent abroad. Just as eager to see the war through, Congress promptly gave him what he asked.

Military History, 2011, Coca

Excerpt 4

He recalls a critic saying something to this effect about Katharine Hepburn's similarly startling voice: "When she begins to talk, you wonder why anyone would talk like that. But by the time the second act begins, you wonder why everyone doesn't talk like that."

smithsonianmag.com, 2011, Glowbe

Excerpt 5

Jack wondered whether he should tell Maria the news.

stlcc.edu, 2011

Excerpt 6

"What are you doing here?" "Well, you told me where you worked." She looked nervous. "I just thought I'd come over and say hi."

Analog Science Fiction & Fact, 1999, Coca

Excerpt 7

And if you cannot send me your book, please tell me where I can purchase it.

robbwolf.com, 2012, Glowbe

Excerpt 8

Where Minna lived was a world of old people. All the businesses catered to them. Clever entrepreneurs traded in urban nostalgia, peddling bagels with a schmear, take-out Chinese food spiced down to suit elderly stomachs. It always made Rose a little uneasy, coming here.

Southwest Review, 2001, Coca

Excerpt 9

The question is not whether we have the debt. The question is whether we pay the debt.

CNN_JohnKing, 2011, Coca

Excerpt 10

I got a kick out of the guy from the – that Dodo from the Justice Department saying, we're thinking of whether to retry them. It's like saying, the guy is dead, we're going to try him for murder. It is outrageous.

CNN_CapGang, 2005, Coca

Excerpt 11

Clegg vs Farage: who speaks first will be determined by the flip of a Euro coin.

James Chapman on Twitter, twitter.com, 2014

Excerpt 12

Often a problem that I have since trying to become proficient in Egyptian Arabic, is simply trying to make out what is being said.

forum.wordreference.com, 2011

Excerpt 13

Even though I knew we had all been set up, I wasn't any closer to figuring out who was doing it. Why they were doing it was obvious, but I wanted to know who was behind it because this systematic take down of us was truly disturbing.

A. J. Locke, *Black Widow Witch*, 2014

Excerpt 14

Did you make out what Daario said after drawing the square coin?

democraticunderground.com, 2013

Excerpt 15

At several different points in my career, I've struggled to figure out exactly what I wanted to do next, and it was always frustrating to have people assume I should know exactly what that was. All I really wanted to answer was, "I don't know what I want to do! Something interesting!"

annagrahamhunter.com, last accessed in 2015

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Excerpt 16

Another Alaska Airlines plane had trouble last night, over San Francisco. Sparks erupted from an engine moments after the jetliner took off. It turned around and made an emergency landing. No one was hurt, and it was not clear what caused the problem.

PBS_Newshour, 2000, Glowbe

Excerpt 17

Family "secrets" die hard, although it was well known what really went on during the slavery era, all too often.

pbs.org, last accessed in 2015

Excerpt 18

The past is a sea anchor, amigo. In a storm terrible, it can hold your ship steady and preserve your life. At other times it is only a drag. "For the first time, I understood what he was getting at.

Analog Science Fiction & Fact, 2007, Coca

Excerpt 19

Sorry, I can't understand what you are getting at. The picture you posted on #383 is a little confusing. Is it elbow? Is it wrist and finger?

exiii-hackberry.com, 2015

Excerpt 20

DEBORAH ROBERTS: Now, what does your hat have to do with being spiritual or being a good person?
UNIDENTIFIED AMISH MAN: That's what I wonder about.

ABC_2020, 1997, Coca

Excerpt 21

In childhood, the love of one's parents is a problem, and for the old man the problem is what he has made of his love.

C. G. Jung, Gerhard Adler, Michael Fordham, *Civilization in Transition*, 2014

Excerpt 22

The problem is what to do next.

tatoeba.org, last accessed 2016

Excerpt 23

SYRIZA's self-dissolution is a matter of weeks, the problem is what will happen afterwards.

grreporter.info, 2016

Excerpt 24

He's never really pressing for money, which is unusual in these cases. He's never telling them, Hey, what I gave you was worth a lot more than \$12,000. You should give me at least \$50,000.'

NPR_Morning, 2001, Coca

Excerpt 25

My attitude is that the kid has been in arguably the best soccer environment any American kid could find," said Bruce Arena, whose teams won five NCAA titles at Virginia and two MLS titles with United. "If he wanted to play soccer and wanted me to help him improve, I would be there. What I gave him was the environment. All I said to him is that he has to have the desire to play. I cannot give that to him."

Washington Post, 1999, Coca

Excerpt 26

When she occasionally watches a weight-loss show on TV, she gets frustrated at the trainers. "Look at what you're doing to these people," she says, shaking her head. "People are throwing up, falling down, about to die. How is that supposed to help them?"

Good Housekeeping, 2012, Coca

Excerpt 27

"Look what you've done to me," he says. "I should kill you."

Southwest Review, 2012, Coca

Excerpt 28

What fish were available usually came from Lake Galilee and the Jordan River. The most common fish was a type of sardine.

examiner.com, 2011

Excerpt 29

- Show the path that Lewis and Clark took across the West. Discuss what students know about the journey. Make a list of questions for further study.
- Discuss what resources were available to the early explorers.

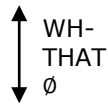
idahoptv.org, 2015

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SUBJECT:

"Nous sommes en anglais contemporain en présence d'un micro-système à trois termes :



[...] Au plan des repérages interpropositionnels, plus on monte, plus les relations prédicatives sous-jacentes à la principale et à la relative sont construites comme autonomes, c'est-à-dire plus on a besoin d'une prise en charge de l'énonciateur.

Jean-Charles Khalifa, *Syntaxe de l'anglais, théories et pratique de l'énoncé complexe au concours*, Paris, Gap, Ophrys, 2014, p. 215.

Discuss.

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Two months before the Olympics, the world-champion weight lifter from Romania fell backwards from a squat, dropping the 600-pound barbell across his neck. Lying in the hospital, realizing that he had just lost a month of vital training prior to the event he had been dreaming of his entire life, it hurt him just to think.

Omni, 1992, Coca

Excerpt 2

Can I still use the login that I used for the 2015 PanelPicker?

support.sxsw.com, 2016

Excerpt 3

The student, who had failed the exam twice and was asked to withdraw from the PhD program, is said to suffer from exam anxiety.

oncampus.macleans.ca, 2011, Glowbe

Excerpt 4

And now we have had the GST, which in my opinion is equally as unconstitutional, rammed down our throats by a group of MPs that brashly and boldly declare that they are smarter than we are, and they know best...

prolognet.qc.ca, Glowbe, last accessed in 2015

Excerpt 5

The problem is the Department of Homeland Security, which should never have been created and which will ultimately be the destroyer of all our civil rights and the human rights of anyone who dares oppose it.

pbs.org, 2012, Glowbe

Excerpt 6

Presently the tactful Mole slipped away and returned with a pencil and a few half-sheets of paper, which he placed on the table at his friend's elbow.

cleavebooks.co.uk, Glowbe, last accessed in 2015

Excerpt 7

To his credit he decided to take the woman's complaints very seriously. He recorded the woman's concerns in a letter which he gave to Mr Nutter.

bellgully.co.nz, Glowbe, last accessed in 2015

Excerpt 8

Romney has always insisted that as the governor of Massachusetts, he never once raised taxes. But if the individual mandate of ObamaCare is a tax, then it appears that the individual mandate of Romneycare – the universal health care system for the residents of Massachusetts to which Romney gave rise – is also a tax.

thenewamerican.com, 2012, Glowbe

Excerpt 9

We believe that the Church is the one organization that exists for the benefit of its nonmembers.

kevinmartineau.ca, 2009

Excerpt 10

Head Constable Leary deposed that he knew the public house of a man named Reilly, in Granard. He went to it with sub-inspector Dobbyn on the 4th of May last. He go? Eight persons in the garret, sitting round a table. One of them, when a search commenced, began eating a paper which he took out of his pocket.

irelandoldnews.com, Glowbe, last accessed in 2015

Excerpt 11

The Nobel peace laureate stressed that with Myanmar facing elections in 2015, which her party is set to contest, hard work cannot be postponed. "It is now that is most important, and this is the message that I'm trying to get out to the world: that the next three years will decide what shape 2015 will take," Suu Kyi said.

nst.com.my, Glowbe, last accessed in 2015

Excerpt 12

This is an open letter to all the girls who have ever felt like they had so much love to give, but no one to give it to.

rebellesociety.com, 2015

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Excerpt 13

I almost lost my job which I had worked at for 6 years.

careereq.com, Glowbe, last accessed in 2015

Excerpt 14

He looked sick. He was unshaven and had dry salvia at the sides of his mouth. He looked awful. He was not the Steven I knew. I tried to cheer him up by joking around and showing him beautiful women who walked in the store. That did not help.

jamaicans.com, 2008, Glowbe

Excerpt 15

And he said, well, there's this guy who works as a janitor at MGM. And his friend says to him one day, what are you workin on? And he says, oh, I work over at MGM. And the guy says, oh, really?

NPR_Weekend, 2007

Excerpt 16

"It's a start. Keep talking." "Pete knows there's another witness. He just doesn't know who it is. There's this guy works in the furnace room. Name's Henry Pelletier.

Jake Hart, *The Tooth Fairy*, 2009

Excerpt 17

I took out a mortgage on a house that I then renovated, decorated and bought furniture for.

slowlydownward.com, Glowbe, last accessed 2015

Excerpt 18

I recently sat back and reflected on what I do most as a CareerBuilder and it occurred to me that it involved listening. The question I then asked myself was how much?

careerbuilders.com.au, 2012, Glowbe

Excerpt 19

He borrowed a bike that he described as six or seven sizes too big. Wearing tennis shoes, he rode about forty miles.

provelopassion.com, 2012

Excerpt 20

He then went to the front door and saw a man he described as "rough" pounding on the door.

snopes.com, 2015

Excerpt 21

Will a girl ever consider marrying a guy who earns less than her even if he is really good and is the ideal guy?

quora.com, 2015

Excerpt 22

I am a 24 year old girl. My boyfriend is younger than me by a year, still finishing his undergrad and STILL somehow makes more than I do. And it's always been this way (we met when I was 20 and he was 19). He's always been ambitious and a self-starter, taking part in various startups, do lots of side-gigs, etc. That's one of the reasons I was interested in him in the first place – his motivation. In any case, I'm happy I am with a guy that earns more than me.

iwillteachyoutoberich.com, 2015

Excerpt 23

These laws sought to prevent peasant uprisings and effectively end the social mobility that had hitherto characterized Japan and which had, ironically, enabled Hideyoshi's rise to power from his lowly origins.

prm.ox.ac.uk, 2015

Excerpt 24

The ground floor was well alight when we got there but no one was in the house at the time. They got off some time before. The fire had spread to the adjacent house, which had four kids in, and that had a lot of smoke damage. Luckily their smoke alarms had gone off and alerted the family.

liverpoolecho.co.uk, 2010

Excerpt 25

Dead Frog Brewing is perhaps best known for crafting horrible fruit/beer combinations that should never have existed outside of the mind of a madman – and a madman who can't brew particularly good beer, at that.

barleymowat.com, 2012, Glowbe

Excerpt 26

Pierre Nora expressed the same idea when speaking of the acceleration of history, a phenomenon he defined as "an increasingly rapid slippage of the present into a historical past that is gone for good."

Werewere Liking, *It shall be of Jasper and Coral*, 2000

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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"**adnominal** (*adj. / n.*) A term used by some grammarians to refer to the elements in a NOUN PHRASE which MODIFY a noun (an analogy with ADVERBIAL), such as ADJECTIVES, PREPOSITIONAL phrases and 'possessive' nouns, e.g. *the **big** hat, the hat **in the box**, the **vicar's** hat*. A description in terms of 'adnominal' elements may also be used in the classification of RELATIVE CLAUSES (*e.g. the car which he bought...*)."

Davis Crystal, *A Dictionary of linguistics and phonetics*, Oxford : Blackwell, 1997, p 39.

Discuss.

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The tables and the chairs, the cups and the spoons, the stains on the wall, the dust on the floor, the ache in my mind – all these things and everything else in sight mercifully receded for whole minutes at a time as my eyes took in the picture of that girl with the black hair, the pale face and the red boots.

Dennis Potter, *Hide and Seek*, 1990.

Excerpt 2

And this is my son, Philip.' They're like as twin lambs, was Jinny's first thought. Then she saw that that was not quite right, because their features were very different. Especially the mouths. The man's lips were narrow and pale where the boy's were full – almost swollen.

Gillian Cross, *On the Edge*, 1989.

Excerpt 3

One of the first things I had to learn by heart when I went to Maythorpe House was a poem by an Englishman, Laurence Binyon. He wrote it for the young men who were dying in the war, but the words may offer a little comfort. I'll quote a few lines, which you could think about when you think of Judd.

Claire Lorrimer, *The Spinning Wheel*, 1993.

Excerpt 4

She felt disturbed; thinking of the gleaming Karl with his polished manners and mannered poise, and of how once he had been a boy.' Wild', Omi had called him the night he arrived, a wild boy, and now another dimension had been added to that figure from long ago: cruelty – a cruel boy....

Peter Carter, *Bury the Dead*, 1986.

Excerpt 5

By the time he died there were no animals left in the yard, nor land to call his own, for it had been sold to the building men, who were throwing up The Courts in order to house the rabble from starving Ireland and those flooding in from all the villages from miles around, all in the hope of being set on and blankets and shawls, everything that would go to cover a human being. It had been from this influx that the rag business had started. Before that they had sold coal from the yard. She remembered when the coal had finished. It was the time when her mother took to the couch [...].

Catherine Cookson, *The Rag Nymph*, 1992.

Excerpt 6

She can now go wherever she wants, read whatever she wants...

D M. Thomas, *Lying Together*, 1990.

Excerpt 7

"The nation must have its leader," Rake admits. "It always has. Those fortunate enough to see His face describe Him to others, and those others do the same when they wander far, and that must be how these stories flow. This empire. This wonderland. It seems incredible, but that's how it is. Which makes me wonder how such a thing can occur so easily... so perfectly –"

Robert Reed, *The Long Retreat*, 2010.

Excerpt 8

Also hanging on the back of the door was the hot water-bottle that his Mum filled for him when he had tonsillitis. He had a brainwave. He'd fill it and carry it up to the wood in the blanket. Then he'd be warm all right. The only problem was the kettle, the noise he would make filling it. He shut the kitchen door. He'd have to risk the pipes making that queer noise they sometimes did when you turned on the tap.

Angela Hassall, *Jubilee Wood*, 1989.

Excerpt 9

Well, this is what happened: I was getting ready, you know, for my jog, and the phone rang. And since you didn't answer it, I answered it. And there was a man on the line.

Karl Harshbarger, *It Takes All Kinds*, 2015.

Excerpt 10

It was a strange day, most of which Charles walked through in a dream. What remained of the morning was to be spent acclimatising himself to the deaf-aid receiver and learning how to pace himself with the A.S.M. who was going to feed the lines. That was agony. Charles kept remembering what Micky Banks had gone through at the same stage, and often, like his predecessor, was ready to throw in the towel and say it was impossible.

Simon Brett, *Murder Unprompted*, 1984.

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Excerpt 11

She jumped to her feet and walked quickly through to the hall, her eyes blazing fiercely. When she reached the door, though, she suddenly stopped. She was all alone in the house, and she had no idea who was standing outside. All she could see was a tall, dark shape on the other side of the patterned glass. Then whoever it was began thumping on the knocker with renewed force, and Jessamy forgot all about being cautious. Instead she wrenched the door open, intending to shout something very rude at whoever had disturbed her quiet, peaceful morning.

Joanna Mansell, *Forgotten Fire*, 1992.

Excerpt 12

It occurred to O'Riley that though he had not seen Malone pull on the reins, the horse had started off in the correct direction. A fluke, he thought as he and McLaughlin headed to where they had secured their own horses to a nearby tree. And no doubt typical of Malone himself. The man seemed a collection of flukes, not all of them necessarily benign. Which, given the current situation he and his partner were facing, might not be entirely a bad thing. It was a late afternoon when they finally arrived back at their diggings.

Alan Dean Foster, *Claim Blame*, 2015.

Excerpt 13

She had gone about in awe of these adults, to whom she must-not chatter, before whom she must be silent and polite and smiling. Though sometimes, the gentlemen chucked her beneath the chin absently, or gave her a sixpence, and one, even, pushed her for a whole quarter-hour on the swing. Afterwards, she had learned that he was an important man, more important than any of the visitors, who seemed to smile and bob to him, and sidle up to take his attention.

Susan Hill, *Gentleman and Ladies*, 1969.

Excerpt 14

'Yes I do know who I am.' His voice came out perfectly steady, not defiant, but certain. It was obvious from the way the staring eyes blinked, both Pairs together, that they had not been expecting an answer. Not any answer. Tug brushed his thumb along the edge of the paper and thought of everything that was written on it. The food he liked. The things he could do. His pulse rate and the number of his teeth and his daily exercise plan. His secret fears and his even more secret hopes.' Well?' said Doyle.' If you're so sure, what would you do on the last day of your life?' Tug gazed out of the window at the mist lying in the bottom of the dale and the indistinct grey ridges stretching away from the cottage. What could he do that would sum up everything he knew about

Gillian Cross, *On the Edge*, 1989.

Excerpt 15

When they had been in the chemist's buying shampoo, Mr Kennedy had asked what he could do for the two young ladies and they had been pleased.

Maeve Binchy, *Circle of Friends*, 1991.

Excerpt 16

While Mountbatten was still alive, Charles had begun working on many projects and had become enthused by what he could do to help the young and the disadvantaged; he was fired by what needed to be done in the inner cities and keen to find ways of defusing racial tension. Some of his staff disapproved of the direction he was taking, [...].

Penny Junor, *Charles and Diana*, 1991.

Excerpt 17

She wandered into the study, thinking she would work on a poem, whose first line would be, 'Yes, I remember the Stockhausen'. But seeing the confusion on her desk, all the things that had to be done, she lost heart.

D. M. Thomas, *Lying Together*, 1990.

Excerpt 18

Well, one of them basically say, for example, this is nothing less than state-assisted suicide. Mr. Ross wishes the state to kill him, to execute him, to extinguish a life , that he no longer wishes to live.

CNN_Grace, 2005.

Excerpt 19

She fingered the envelope in her pocket, drew it out, read the brief lines again without seeing.

L Appignanesi, *Memory and Desire*, 1992.