

UNIT 4 LESSON 1 NOUN CLAUSES

Complete each conversation with a negative short answer.

- A: Did Stephen King write a new book?
B: (guess) I guess not. I haven't heard anything about it.
- A: Are you going to read *War and Peace*?
B: (think) I _____. It's way too long.
- A: Have you ever heard of *The Old Man and the Sea*, by Hemingway?
B: (believe) I _____. Is it any good?
- A: Do you and your colleague have enough volunteers for the author's talk on Tuesday?
B: (guess) We don't have any. So I _____!
- A: Can I get all these magazines delivered to the school by the end of the week?
B: (think) I _____. We'll need some more time.
- A: Do you need a painkiller for your headache?
B: (hope) I _____. I should just stop reading in the dark.
- A: Is that book a best-seller?
B: (believe) I _____. I've never seen it in a bookstore.

Unscramble the words and write statements and questions with noun clauses. Use that.

1. I'm / this biography / Smith / wrote / sure
I'm sure that Smith wrote this biography.
2. I / another / thriller / writes / Greer / hope
3. Did / know / self-help books / Newsom / more than fifty / you / wrote
4. Do / can / think / print / you / you / by tomorrow / 100 copies
5. Are / the tailor / your skirt / you / couldn't / disappointed / lengthen
6. We / Brewer / never / an autobiography / had forgotten / wrote
7. Are / the sound system / can / someone / you / before 9:00 / check / sure
8. I'm / have / I / someone / sorry / the speaker / didn't / this morning / introduce

Look at these examples of sentences with noun clauses.

Column 1	Column 2
I didn't know that he wrote this book.	OR I didn't know he wrote this book.
I think that Junot Diaz's novels are fantastic.	OR I think Junot Diaz's novels are fantastic.
Did you forget that her biography was 500 pages long?	OR Did you forget her biography was 500 pages long?

FIGURE IT OUT . . .

Answer the following questions.

1. What word is at the beginning of all the noun clauses in the examples in Column 1?

2. Is that word necessary or optional? _____

Look at these examples of questions and short answers.

A: Does Steven King have a new book out?

B: I think **so**. / I believe **so**. / I guess **so**. / I hope **so**.

OR B: I don't think **so**. / I don't believe **so**. / I guess **not**. / I hope **not**.

NOT: I don't guess ~~so~~. / I don't hope ~~so~~.

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Complete these grammar rules.

1. Which sentence has the closest meaning to I think so in the example above?

- a. I think he has a new book out.
- b. I don't think he has a new book out.
- c. I think he's a good author.

2. The word so replaces a _____.

- a. noun
- b. verb
- c. a noun clause

3. In the negative form, use so with _____ and _____. Use not with _____ and _____.

It's interesting **(that) she wrote a new book.**

I'm surprised **(that) he hasn't written a new novel yet.**

Look at examples 1 and 2. Complete the statement.

A noun clause can be the direct object of a verb or come after a(n) _____.

- a. adjective
- b. noun
- c. pronoun