

EXERCISE B The subordinate clause in each of the following sentences is printed in italics. If the clause is essential, circle *E*. If the clause is nonessential, circle *N* and set the clause off with commas.

EXAMPLES *E* (N) 1. The Netherlands, *which has a low illiteracy rate*, has a high standard of living.

(E) *N* 2. Most sentences *that ask a question* require a question mark.

- E* *N* 1. I just finished reading Gary Soto's story "The Jacket" *which describes a painful time in his early life*.
- E* *N* 2. We need a girl *who can speak with a Southern accent* to play the part.
- E* *N* 3. The store pays the parking fee of any customer *who makes a purchase of twenty dollars or more*.
- E* *N* 4. It was the responsibility of Stacy Kerwin *who should have counted the tickets herself*.
- E* *N* 5. Ten points are given for any question *that stumps the experts*.
- E* *N* 6. Most of the things *that we worry about* never happen.
- E* *N* 7. We lived on Oxford Drive *which is close to the airport*.
- E* *N* 8. Any person *who was born on February 29* has a birthday only once every four years.
- E* *N* 9. Buffalo Bill *whose real name was William F. Cody* was a famous frontier scout.
- E* *N* 10. Many Scottish names begin with the prefix "Mac" *which means "the son of"*.
- E* *N* 11. Mrs. Milto is not a person *with whom you can argue*.
- E* *N* 12. Grasshoppers *which are one of our most destructive insect pests* can leap nearly twenty times the length of their bodies.
- E* *N* 13. We will usually accept harsh criticism from a person *whom we consider a true friend*.
- E* *N* 14. Cindy *who had struck out in the third inning* hit a long drive.
- E* *N* 15. Is it true that people *who are good at math* often make good scientists?
- E* *N* 16. The moon *which had been shining brightly* suddenly disappeared behind a heavy cloud.
- E* *N* 17. Britain *which was busy with a European war* paid little attention to the War of 1812 until Napoleon was defeated.
- E* *N* 18. "Green Willow" *which I am reading for English class* is a Japanese folk tale.
- E* *N* 19. Michael Jordan is the athlete *whom I would most like to meet*.
- E* *N* 20. Many Arawaks died of diseases *that European explorers brought to the West Indies*.