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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. Miltos 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.*

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