

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