***Noun Clause Practice #1***

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A noun clause is a group of words (doing the work of a noun) with a subject and a verb, that can be a subject, object, or object of a preposition in a sentence.

*Examples:*

* I hope that I will win the first prize.

*(\*Here the underlined noun clause acts as the object of the verb “hope”.)*

* Everybody knows that he is an honest man.

*(Here the noun clause ‘that he is an honest man’ is the object of the verb ‘knows’.)*

* There is no meaning in what you say.

*(Here the noun clause ‘what you say’ acts as the object of the preposition ‘in’.)*

*Identify the noun clauses in the following sentences by underlining just the words that are needed.*

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2. He replied that he would come.

3. She asked if I could help her.

4. That honesty is the best policy is a well-known fact.

5. I expected that I would get the first prize.

6. Do you know why he is late?

7. I don’t know what he wants.

8. Pay careful attention to what I am going to say.

9. That she should forget me so quickly hurts me.

10. That you should behave like this is strange.

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12. How the thieves escaped from the prison is still a mystery.

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