

# Reduced Relative Clauses

**Reduced:** Made smaller or less, resulting from reduction.

**Clause:** a unit of grammatical organization next below the sentence in rank

**Relative Clause:** A subordinate clause that modifies a noun

See the following examples:

- A social worker can help a **community that attempts** to develop awareness of substance abuse or an **elderly person that is unable** to care for themselves
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- **Students that are high in test anxiety** would show improved performance if **they are given** reassurance during testing, a prediction proved true when **it was tried**
- **Students high in test anxiety** would show improved performance if **given** reassurance during testing, a prediction proved true when **tried**

## Reduce to an adjective phrase

- Comparing **images that are close in size** is more difficult
- Comparing **images close in size** is more difficult
- Animal models sometimes provide the only **information that is available**
- Animal models sometimes provide the only **information available**

## Reduce to a prepositional phrase

- **Psychologists who are in search of accurate information** must use the scientific method.
- **Psychologists in search of accurate information** must use the scientific method.

## Reduce to a P.P. phrase

- Functionalism was soon challenged by a **new school of thought that is called** behaviorism.
- Functionalism was soon challenged by a **new school of thought called** behaviorism.
- With assistance of the **social workers that are assigned to you** and your child, this challenging job can be made less stressful.
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## Reduce to a -ing phrase

- For some **individuals that suffer** from mental disorders, living a normal life may seem very difficult.
- For some **individuals suffering** from mental disorders, living a normal life may seem very difficult.
- It is vital that **anyone who provides** assistance also pays attention to the significant impact that sharing the profound grief of others has on them.
- It is vital that **anyone providing** assistance also pays attention to the significant impact that sharing the profound grief of others has on them.
- **Children who score high** on IQ tests might also score high on leadership tests.
- **Children scoring high** on IQ tests might also score high on leadership tests.