**Reduced Adjective Clauses — Rules**

A reduced adjective clause begins with either a present participle or a past participle. It's simple to know which one to use: if the reduced clause is made from an active verb, start the adjective clause with the present participle, but if it's made from a passive verb, begin the adjective clause with a past participle. For example, the ordinary adjective clause in the first example:

**Example 1**

| **Example** | **Adjective Clause** | **Verb in the adjective clause** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| I saw a man who was carrying an umbrella. | who was carrying an umbrella | “was carrying” is active |

**reduces to:**

| **Example** | **Reduced Adjective Clause** | **Participle that starts the reduced clause** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| I saw a man carrying an umbrella. | carrying an umbrella | carrying |

We use “carrying” in the reduced clause because it comes from the active verb in the original clause.

**Example 2**

| **Example** | **Adjective Clause** | **Verb in the adjective clause** |
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| The people who worked there got a raise last year. | who worked there | “worked” is active |

**This reduces to:**

| **Example** | **Reduced Adjective Clause** | **Participle that starts the reduced clause** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| The people working there got a raise last year. | working there | working |

**Example 3**

| **Example** | **Adjective Clause** | **Verb in the adjective clause** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| The books which were published that year are expensive. | which were published that year | “were published” is passive |

**reduces to:**

| **Example** | **Reduced Adjective Clause** | **Participle that starts the reduced clause** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| The books published that year are expensive. | published that year | published |