

Adjective Complements + that + Noun clause

Point 1: A noun clause with **'that'** can attach to an adjective to explain a situation.

1. It's important that you attend.
2. It's vital that you follow instructions.
3. It's doubtful that he can make it.
4. It's unlikely that that will happen.

Point 2: Use the dummy subject 'it' to refer to a situation.

1. It's possible that we will reach our goal.
2. It's sad that more people did not come.
3. It's odd that Bob is not here today.
4. It's highly likely that the game will be canceled.

Point 3: The conjunction **'that'** is often omitted in spoken English.

1. It's important we try our best.
2. It's not likely he will agree with us.
3. It's odd that she is not at work today.
4. It's ridiculous he said that.

Point 4: In spoken English, the conjunction **'that'** is often heavily reduced.

1. It's sad *that* it came to this.
2. It's so nice *that* you remembered my birthday.
3. It's critical *that* you mail this today.
4. It's odd *that* it hasn't snowed this winter.

Adjectives + That Clauses (2)

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: Roger, I want to talk to you about the company dress policy.

Man: Sure, is there a problem with how I dress? I do my best to look professional.

Woman: Well, you look nice. It's **just that** you don't wear a suit.

Man: I know, but it's hard to be productive in a suit, and it's very **unlikely that** I see any clients.

Woman: I know, but it is **important that** all employees follow the same policy.

Man: OK, I will start wearing a suit from tomorrow onward.

Woman: Great, and be sure to wear nice dress shoes, too.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: This accident is very strange.

Man: Yeah, it's **weird that** no one saw the accident.

Woman: And it's **odd that** both drivers fled the scene.

Man: Maybe both had a criminal record and were afraid of going to jail.

Woman: Maybe that is the case. Regardless, it is **doubtful that** we will find whoever did this.

Man: I think you may be wrong about that.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: How is your dinner?

Man: I can't eat it. I'm not hungry.

Woman: What? You have to eat. The doctor said that it's **vital that** you eat every meal.

Man: I would if I could, but I'm just not hungry.

Woman: Well, it is **important that** you try harder.

Man: Well, it would help if the food actually tasted good.

Woman: I'm sorry about that. I'll try to bring you a homemade meal tomorrow.

Man: Thanks. I appreciate that. But it's **unlikely that** they would allow it.

Woman: Well, it doesn't hurt to ask.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So, how is life since you quit your job?

Woman: Good! It's **nice that** I get to work from home now.

Man: Yeah! It's **awesome that** you get to set your own hours and be your own boss.

Woman: Yeah, that is good, but I miss the security of my old job.

Man: Still, it's **sad that** more people don't get to work that way.

Woman: True, but it's **highly likely that** more people will get the chance in the future.

Man: I hope so, and include me on that list.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) It is important for her that ____.

- a) he is on time
- b) his clothes are comfortable
- c) he wears a suit**

2) It is weird that _____.

- a) **no one saw the crime**
- b) the car is not registered
- c) no one was hurt

3) It is important that _____.

- a) he gets lots of rest
- b) **he eats some food**
- c) he goes home soon

4) He is jealous that _____.

- a) she got a promotion
- b) she will get paid more
- c) **she can work from home**

Gap Fill: Listen to the audio. Type in the correct word!

Conversation 1

Woman: Roger, I want to talk to you about the company dress **police/policy**.

Man: Sure, is there a problem with how I dress? I do my best to look **professional/profession**.

Woman: **Well**, you look nice. It's just that you don't **wear/wearing** a suit.

Man: I know, but it's hard to be **productive/production** in a suit, and it's very unlikely that I see any clients.

Woman: I know, but it is important that all **employers/employees** follow the same policy.

Man: OK, I will start wearing a suit from tomorrow **onward/forward**.

Woman: Great, and be sure to wear nice dress **shoes/shoe**, too.

Conversation 2

Woman: This accident is very **strange/strong**.

Man: Yeah, it's weird that no one saw the **accident/accidental**.

Woman: And it's odd that both drivers **fled/flee** the scene.

Man: Maybe both had a **crimes/criminal** record and were afraid of going to jail.

Woman: Maybe that is the case. **Regarding/Regardless**, it is doubtful that we will find whoever did this.

Man: I think you may be wrong **over/about** that.

Conversation 3

Woman: How is your **dinner/diner**?

Man: I can't eat it. I'm **now/not** hungry.

Woman: What? You have to eat. The doctor said that it's vital that you eat **ever/every** meal.

Man: I would if I **could/can**, but I'm just not hungry.

Woman: Well, it is important that you try **hardly/harder**.

Man: Well, it would help if the food actually **tastes/tasted** good.

Woman: I'm sorry about that. I'll try to **bring//bringing** you a homemade meal tomorrow.

Man: Thanks. I appreciate that. But it's unlikely that they would allow **it/them**.

Woman: Well, it doesn't **hurt/heart** to ask.

Conversation 4

Man: So, how is **lifelive** since you quit your job?

Woman: Good! It's nice that I get to work **forfrom** home now.

Man: Yeah! It's awesome that you get to set your own **hourshour** and be your own boss.

Woman: Yeah, that is good, but I **messmiss** the security of my old job.

Man: Still, it's sad that more people don't get to work that **wayweigh**.

Woman: True, but it's highly likely that more people will **getgot** the chance in the future.

Man: I hope so, and include me on that **listlast**.

Corporate Terminology - Meetings and Presentations

To readjourn

To restart the meeting, to continue the meeting.

"We will be having a meeting break in about thirty minutes, and will readjourn just in time for your arrival.

Briefing:

A meeting in which specific instructions or information are given.

"I think the briefing was very clear."

"The briefing was exceptionally clear and well-structured"

Conference call:

A telephone call that includes several people simultaneously.

“How did the conference call with the teams in Houston and Calgary go?”

"Could you please provide a summary of the key outcomes from the conference call with the Houston and Calgary teams?"

Slide:

A single page of a presentation, often used in software like PowerPoint.

“Our guest speaker only used two slides for his entire presentation.”

"The guest speaker delivered a remarkably focused talk using just two slides."