ABSTRACT

This thesis tries to find out if the students of the fourth semester English department of Bina Nusantara University have the ability to identify subordinate clauses beginning with 'that': which is noun clause and which is adjective (relative) clause. Adjective clauses (also called relative clauses) modify nouns and sometimes whole sentences. They serve as adjectives most often, but sometimes they act like adverbs in that they tell how, where, or when. Noun clauses are finite subordinate clauses that have the distribution of ordinary noun phrases. Based on the analysis, the writer concludes that the majority of the fourth semester students have difficulty in identifying the adjective (relative) and noun clauses, specially beginning with 'that'. The writer assumes that most students get confused in distinguishing the clauses because they still do not understand the two main clauses – dependent and independent. It is also assumed that most students who make the mistakes still do not know the basic function of Adjective. Moreover the writer finds out that some students are paying too much attention to the vocabulary and consequently distract their concentration.