

Noun Clauses I don't know...



Imagine this: You are at a party at a friend's house. The door opens, and this guy walks in.

A. Read the conversation between two people at the party.

Speaker 1: Who is he? Do you know?

Speaker 2: No, I don't know who he is.

Speaker 2's sentence—*No, I don't know who he is*—has a noun clause. The noun clause is: *who he is*. It is the object of the verb *know*. Notice that question word order is not used in a noun clause.

B. Continue the conversation about the Martian at the party. Complete each sentence with a noun clause. (The first one is done for you.)

1. Who is he? Do you know?

No, I don't know *who he is*.

2. Where is he from? Do you know?

No, I don't know _____.

3. Why is he here? Do you know?

No, I don't know _____.

4. Whose friend is he? Do you know?

No, I don't know _____.

5. What is his native language? Do you know?

No, I don't know _____.

6. How old is he? Do you know?

No, I don't know _____.

7. Where is his spaceship? Do you know?

No, I don't know _____.

8. When is he going back to his planet? Do you know?

No, I don't know _____.

C. When you are finished writing, read the questions and answers aloud with a partner.

Answer Key

1. No, I don't know who he is.
2. No, I don't know where he is from. *OR* No, I don't know where he's from.
3. No, I don't know why he is here. *OR* No, I don't know why he's here.
4. No, I don't know whose friend he is.
5. No, I don't know what his native language is.
6. No, I don't know how old he is.
7. No, I don't know where his spaceship is. *OR* No, I don't know where it is.
8. No, I don't know when he is going back. *OR* No, I don't know when he's going back.