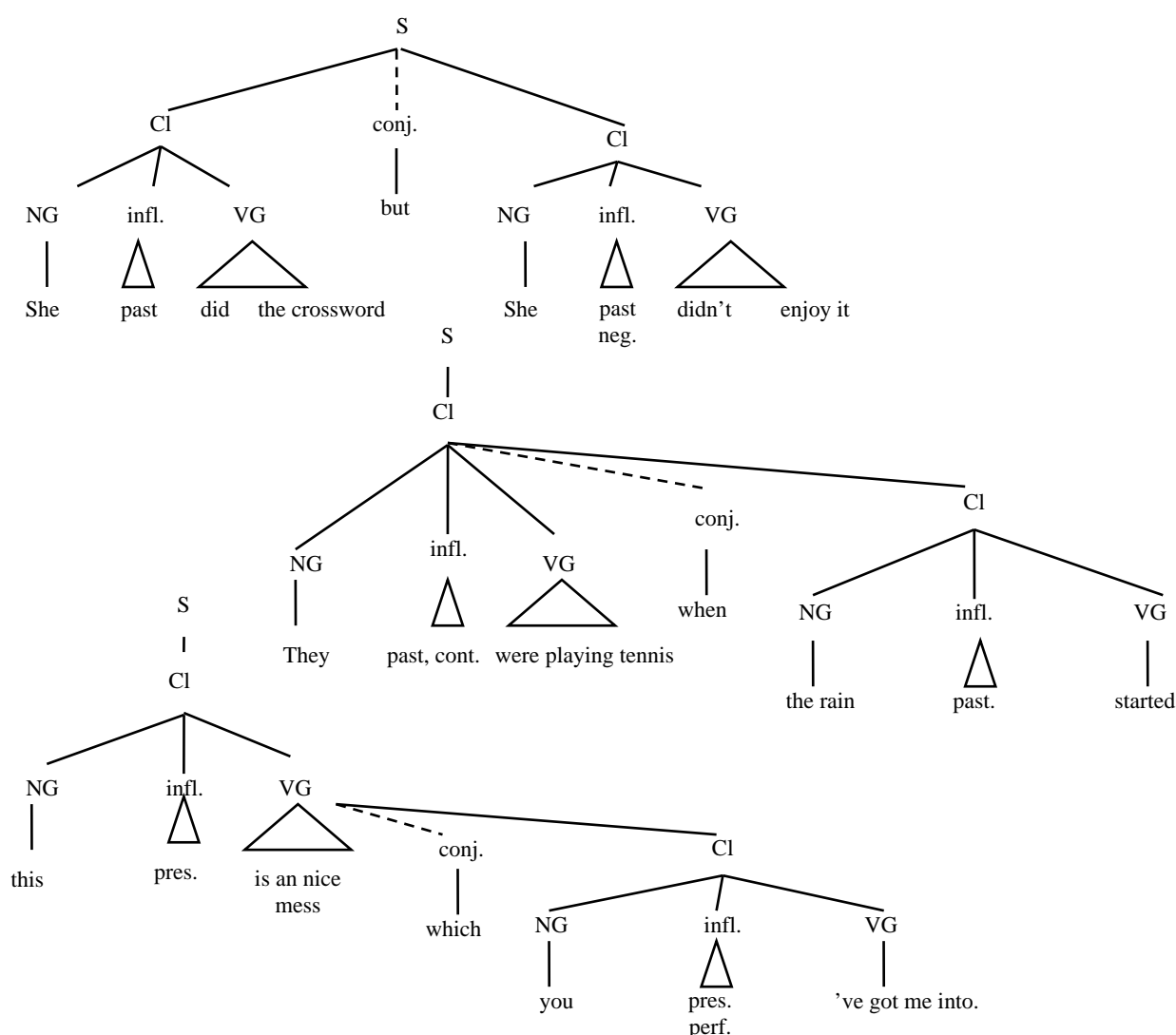


## 18 Clause Structures

**Practice Run 1** Draw a structure tree for the following three sentences (you need not analyse the components of the clauses):

1. She did the crossword but she did not enjoy it.
2. They were playing tennis when the rain started.
3. This is nice mess which you've got me into.



**Practice Run 2** Analyse the following sentences and determine whether the clauses in *italics* are coordinate, subordinate or embedded, what type of clauses they are and whether they are finite or non-finite.

	finite / non-finite	coordinate / subordinate / embedded	type of clause
1. <i>Despite the fact that they would be seeing each other later that evening</i> , the two teenagers chatted to each other for two hours.	<b>f</b>	<b>s</b>	<b>adverbial</b>
2. She has always known <i>that one day her prince would come</i> .	<b>f</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>noun</b>

3. Denying the obvious fact won't make things any easier.	nf	e	nominal
4. He was sure the bosses would eventually see sense.	f	e	noun
5. Either you get on with the whole damn thing or you stop boring everyone with it.	f	c	mcs
6. The students, clearly troubled by the announcement, demanded an immediate clarification.	nf	e	adjectival
7. This task, set by the the strictest of their teacher, wasn't very easy to solve in one hour.	nf nf	e e	appositional adverbial
8. Why do people always phone me when I'm in the shower?	f	s	adverbial
9. His announcement, that he was getting married, had an amazing effect on the people in the room.	f	e	appositional
10. They never trusted him and quite rightly so.	nf	c	mcs
11. The chocolate cake was to die for.	nf	e	adjectival
12. The plan seemed to be that everybody made their own way to the hut.	f	e	nominal

**Practice Run 3** Change the following simple sentences so that they form one complex sentence.

1.	The tenants complained about a problem. It was really affecting their lives. In the end the wrote a letter to the council. They finally did something about it.	<b>The tenants had complained about the problem that was really affecting their lives before writing a letter to the council, who finally did something about it</b>
2.	I had better ask my boss. She knows much more about this. You will get help quickly.	<b>In order to get help quickly I will ask my boss because/as/since/she knows much more about this (who knows much more about this.</b>
3.	You need to choose a topic. Don't simply ask for advice from older students. You may get a lot of lecture notes. They may not all be correct.	<b>Don't simply ask for advice from older students if you need to choose a topic, because, although/even though you may get a lot of lecture notes, they may not all be correct.</b>
4.	You live with another man. I know the fact. It upsets me. We broke up several months ago.	<b>Although/even though we broke up several months ago, it upsets me to know that you live with another man. I know that you live with another man, which upsets me ...</b>
5.	Several people got up. They wanted give up their seat for for the pregnant lady. It was a bit unusual. It was the rush hour.	<b>Several people got up to give up their seat for the pregnant lady, which was a bit unusual as it was the rush hour.</b>
6.	This is model has a stronger engine. That model uses less fuel. It is also smaller. It can be parked more easily.	<b>This is model has a stronger engine whereas that model, which is smaller and can (therefore) be parked more easily, uses less fuel.</b>
7.	He has a funny walk. He dresses very colourfully. People always stare at him.	<b>Because he has a funny walk and dresses very colourfully, people always stare at him.</b>