

## 8D Clause patterns: subordinate clauses – The it race

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So, which stage of our lives is the easiest and most stress-free? Young children definitely have the easiest lives, don't you think? However, explaining this to children while they are young is something I find frustrating. They just don't understand how good they have it! Having someone to cook all your meals for you, take you where you want to go, and who lets you play all day with your friends is a dream come true.

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At school, I really hated being expected to know what I wanted to do when I grew up. Asking a 16-year-old to choose subjects which affect their future choices is ridiculous. My parents picked which exams I was going to take, not me. I was too immature, but I remember being really stressed about it. People think that teenagers aren't bothered by these things, but believe me – they are.

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The responsibility of being an adult frightens me the most. People always say you are more comfortable in your own skin as an adult, but what about the stress that comes with growing older? And having a family? Wow! Working all day to provide for yourself and other people is exhausting, both physically and mentally. Even having a pet dog sometimes frightens me because of the responsibility it brings.

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Thinking about the fact that we start and finish our lives in a very similar way is amusing. Like children, old people don't really have to worry about much. Elderly men and women spend their days just relaxing, and that's good. If you're careful with your money when you're working, this last stage in our lives could truly be the best.