Subordinate Clauses Exercise

In each of the following sentences, state whether the subordinate clause is an adjective clause, adverb clause or noun clause.

1. I did it because I wanted to.
   - Adverb clause
   - Adjective clause
   - Noun clause

2. As he was not there, I spoke to his mother.
   - Adverb clause
   - Adjective clause
   - Noun clause

3. Just as he entered the room, the clock struck eleven.
   - Adjective clause
   - Adverb clause
   - Noun clause

4. If you eat too much you will fall ill.
   - Noun clause
   - Adjective clause
5. We asked him many questions when he returned.

6. My parents were poor though they were of noble birth.

7. Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was as white as snow.

8. I still live in the same city where I was born.
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9. He met a girl whose eyes were blue.
   Noun clause
   Adjective clause
   Adverb clause

10. I often wonder how you are getting on.
    Adverb clause
    Adjective clause
    Noun clause

11. He asked me where I lived.
    Noun clause
    Adjective clause
    Adverb clause

12. The fact that he is silent proves his guilt.
    Adjective clause
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Noun clause
Adverb clause

Answers

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