

“That” Clauses: To Express Opinion

FORM:

“that” clause = *that* + sentence = noun phrase

I think that protecting the environment is important.
I believe that immigration is beneficial to Canada.

USE:

“That” clauses are noun phrases. They can be used with verbs like “know”, “believe”, “think”, “feel” or “doubt” to express ideas, opinions or facts. In informal speech, “that” is not necessary.

EXAMPLES:

The teacher thinks that Chad cheated on the test.
I feel that the new prime minister will do a good job.
I know (that) the CN Tower is in Toronto. (“that” not necessary)

Combine the sentences into one sentence using a THAT clause. It is not necessary to use all the words from the original statements as long as the important information is included.

1. Some Canadians have never traveled outside of the country. I think this is unfortunate.

2. Owning a pet can help people to be healthier and live longer. Many researchers believe this.

3. All high school students should be required to wear uniforms. This is what some parents feel.

4. Smoking has a negative effect on people’s health. There are some smokers who don’t believe this.

5. Canada has two official languages, French and English. This surprises some Americans.

6. Getting plenty of exercise makes people feel better. I think this is true.
