

## Conversation Grammar and Noun Clauses After 'Be':

Intermediate to advanced grammar.

Looking at: A Common structure of English Conversation:

\*This is a very typical way to comment about a situation or event in English:

\*The good thing about working here is that I have great benefits.

\*The worst part about it is that I have to work on the weekends.

\*The trouble with leaving late is that you might get stuck in traffic.

**I'm going to show you how to make a sentence like this and use it in your everyday conversations.**

1. The Comment
2. Look at prepositions followed by gerunds
3. What's a noun clause
4. How to use a Noun clauses after the verb of "be" (is)

**\*The Comment:** The good, bad, best, worst, nice, nicest, interesting, wonderful...(adjectives to describe) **thing/part**; the advantages; the problem

**\*The Prepositions**

When we use prepositions, we usually follow with a gerund or a regular noun. (I have a video tutorial about verbs and prepositions followed by gerunds, you can check out if you want to learn more about that).....playlist under grammar.

When we are commenting about something, like in the examples I just gave, it's common to use certain prepositions.

For example:

When we comment: The *good/bad/best/worst/nice/wonderful...thing or part about...*

The *trouble/problem with*

The *advantages/disadvantages/benefits of*

Comment    Preposition,    verb of 'be'    Noun clause (subject and a verb):  
↓                    ↓                    ↓                    ↓  
The good thing **about** working here is **(that) I have great benefits.**

1. I got a promotion at work. The bad part is I have to work on the weekends.

**The bad part about getting a promotion is (that) I have to work on the weekends.**

2. I'm away at college. The hard part is I miss my mother's cooking.

**The hard part of being away at college is (that) I miss my mother's cooking.**

2. You leave late. The trouble is that you might get stuck in traffic.

**The trouble with leaving late is (that) you might get stuck in traffic.**

3 I live near the beach. The advantage is that I can go swimming every day.

**The advantage of living near the beach is that I can go swimming every day.**

**Now. How can you apply this to yourself?**

**Think about something in your life you can comment about. Maybe an area where you live:**

**What is the best thing about where you live?**

**What's the worst thing about where you live?**

**Practice and fill in the sentences with your own information:**

The best thing *about* living here is (that)\_\_\_\_\_.

The worst thing *about* living here is (that)/ the\_\_\_\_\_.

The nice part *about* \_\_\_\_\_ is (that)\_\_\_\_\_.

The advantage *of* \_\_\_\_\_ is (that)\_\_\_\_\_.

The trouble *with* \_\_\_\_\_ is (that)\_\_\_\_\_.