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**Clauses: Independent vs. Dependent**

*Quick Review! Refer to bell work notes for more examples*.

**Part I**: An **independent clause** is a part of a sentence that can be a complete sentence by itself. Even though it can be a complete sentence by itself, it can also be a complete sentence when combined with another clause. .

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| Independent clause example1: The boy worked on his homework.  This clause can also be part of a longer sentence.  Example: The boy worked on his homework while his classmates played around. | Independent clause example2: He felt lucky to be alive.  This clause can also be part of a longer sentence.  Example: Even though he was severely bruised by the fall, he felt lucky to be alive. |
| *Note: A sentence can have more than one independent clause.*  Ex3: Steve loved to garden; he had a beautiful yard. Ex4: Stella is a kind person, and she has a great work ethic.    Independent clause independent clause independent clause independent clause  Ex5: Even though the Arizona heat is extreme, many people love it, and they choose to move to this state.  Independent clause independent clause | |

**Time to practice!!! Identify the independent clause(s) in the sentences below**. **Circle the part of the sentence with the independent clause.**

1. She went to school although she was sick.
2. The computer was new, but it was taking forever to download the file.
3. Despite the book being very long, the kids loved it because it was very interesting.
4. Even though most teenagers don’t have cars, they usually get a ride or take the bus to their destination.
5. Even though it can be a fun way to burn calories, playing sports can be dangerous when people don’t follow the rules.

**Part II:** A **dependent clause** is a part of a sentence that is NOT complete by itself. It *depends* on the rest of the sentence to make sense. Dependent clauses usually have subordinators (subordinating conjunctions) that suggest there is going to be more information in the sentence.

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| Dependent clause example1: while his classmates played around  This clause needs to be part of a longer sentence to make sense.  Example: The boy worked on his homework while his classmates played around.  \*”*while*” is the subordinating conjunction in the dependent clause above | Dependent clause example2: Even though he was severely bruised by the fall  This clause needs to be part of a longer sentence to make sense.  Example: Even though he was severely bruised by the fall, he felt lucky to be alive.    \*”*Even though*” is the subordinating conjunction in the dependent clause above |
| *Note: A sentence can have more than one dependent clause. A sentence can be complete without a dependent clause. A dependent clause by itself IS NOT a complete sentence*.  Ex1: When I was at camp, my dad sent me my favorite blanket because he knew it would be cold at night.  Dependent clause dependent clause  Ex2: When I was a camp. = this dependent clause IS NOT a complete sentence by itself!  My dad sent me my favorite blanket. = this is a complete sentence even though it doesn’t have a dependent clause. | |

List of top subordinating conjunctions (remember that dependent clauses usually start with subordinating conjunctions):

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| **Time: when, while, since, before, after, until, once** | **Condition: if, unless, on condition that** |
| Place: where, wherever | Contrast: although, even though, despite, in spite of |
| Cause: because, since, as, now that | Adversative: while, where, whereas |

**Time to practice!!! Identify the dependent clause(s) in the sentences below**. **Circle the part of the sentence with the dependent clause**. Put “none” on the margin if there are no dependent clauses in that sentence.

1. She went to school although she was sick.
2. The computer was new, but it was taking forever to download the file. NONE
3. Despite the book being very long, the kids loved it because it was very interesting.
4. Even though most teenagers don’t have cars, they usually get a ride or take the bus to their destination.
5. Even though it can be a fun way to burn calories, playing sports can be dangerous when people don’t follow the rules.

**Practice: For each sentence below, determine if it is a dependent or an independent clause. If it has both types of clauses, circle both. Remember that a complete sentence MUST have AT LEAST one independent clause. If it is a complete sentence, circle “yes”; if it is not, circle “no”.**

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| **A complete sentence can be any of the following:**  \* Independent clauses are underlined**.** *Dependent clauses are italized.*   1. **One independent clause** = I love going to school. 2. **One or more than one independent clauses**= I love going to school, and I enjoy learning new things.      1. **One or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses**=    1. *Even though I love going to school*, and I like learning new things, I hate waking up early.    2. *While I was placing my order*, every table in the café had been filled, and I was forced to eat my sandwich *while standing against the wall*. |

1. **While the celebrity was being photographed.** Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
2. **Before I go to the zoo.** Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
3. **When my mom was on a work trip, we threw a party**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
4. **Because I love helping people, I want to be a doctor**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
5. **I love drawing, but it is a time-consuming hobby**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
6. **Because of the terrible thunderstorm last week**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
7. **Although new technology is exciting to play with**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
8. **He and his girlfriend went to the fair**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
9. **Since I had the highest grade in my class**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no
10. **I can’t wait until the weekend**. Dependent/Independent Complete sentence?: yes/no