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Finding Independent and Dependent Clauses Worksheet

A clause is a group of words that contains a verb and its subject.

There are two kinds of clauses, *independent* and *dependent*.

An **independent clause** expresses a complete thought and can stand by itself as a sentence.

A **dependent clause** does not express a complete thought and cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Directions: Underline the independent clause in each sentence below.

Example A: Although we ran, we never finished on time.

Answer: Although we ran, we never finished on time.

1. When my father arrives, he will give the directions.
2. When my mother shows, she will bring the food.
3. While the flowers bloom, I will plant more trees.
4. No matter how you look at it, we are in good hands.
5. Unless you have the right size, do not try on the shoe.
6. Before the food gets cold, go sit at the table.

Directions: Underline the dependent clause in each sentence below.

Example A: Since he waited, he was able to enter.

Answer: Since he waited, he was able to enter.

7. Since I don't have money, I will not buy anything.
8. Until the sun sets, sit by the lake.
9. Because I can't wait for the bus, I will walk to school.
10. When the president arrives, he will give a speech.