

Independent & Dependent Clauses

A. Look at the following sentences. Decide if they are independent or dependent clauses and circle the right option:

1. When Mr. Jones yelled
Independent Dependent
2. I enjoy the opera
Independent Dependent
3. Unless it comes today
Independent Dependent
4. Although I lost the library book
Independent Dependent
5. They're going on a picnic
Independent Dependent
6. Mum found it in the drawer
Independent Dependent
7. The fifth graders sang
Independent Dependent
8. When the film is over
Independent Dependent
9. I decided to go along
Independent Dependent
10. The strength of the man might
Independent Dependent
11. We're planning to have a party
Independent Dependent
12. When I'm finished reading
Independent Dependent

B. Below are independent clauses. Write a sentence for each one, adding a dependent clause to add interest. Be sure to capitalise and add punctuation where necessary.

Example: We went for a walk.

"We went for a walk, but it was still raining." = coordinating conjunction

"We went for a walk; however, it was hard to walk in the rain." = independent marker word

1. we were by the lake at midnight
2. Felipe enjoys popcorn
3. the football team won their game
4. at the end of the street the traffic light was flashing
5. Carlos pushed the lift button
6. the clothes at the mall are expensive
7. I will call you on Friday
8. the hospital room was empty