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I. Independent vs. Dependent Clauses Worksheet

What's the Difference?

- An independent clause is a complete sentence. It has a subject and a verb, and it expresses a complete thought.

✓ *Example: I went to the store.*

- A dependent clause has a subject and a verb but does NOT express a complete thought. It cannot stand alone.

✗ *Example: Because I was hungry.*

Directions:

Read each sentence or clause below. Write **I** if it is an independent clause or **D** for a dependent clause.

1. _____ I read three chapters of my book	7. _____ <i>The baby slept quietly in her crib</i>
2. _____ While the movie was playing	8. _____ Since I joined the soccer team
3. _____ We baked cookies for the whole class	9. _____ Because she forgot her homework
4. _____ If you finish your chores early	10. _____ The sun set behind the mountains
5. _____ Although it was raining outside	Challenge Bonus!
6. _____ My dog barked loudly at the mailman	Write one sentence that combines an independent and a dependent clause using a subordinating conjunction (like <i>because</i> , <i>although</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>since</i> , <i>if</i> , etc.).

II. Underline the Dependent Clause

Directions: Read each sentence carefully. Underline **only the dependent clause** in each sentence. Remember: A dependent clause has a subject and a verb but **does not express a complete thought** and **cannot stand alone**.

1. After the rain stopped, we went outside to play.
2. I stayed home because I wasn't feeling well.
3. Although Max tried his best, he didn't win the race.
4. When the bell rang, the students rushed out.
5. I couldn't hear the speaker since the room was so noisy.
6. Before the movie started, we bought some popcorn.
7. While she was finishing her project, her brother played video games.
8. If you don't clean your room, you won't get dessert.
9. Even though the team lost, the coach was proud.
10. Since the electricity went out, we used candles.
11. As soon as the lights turned off, the crowd started cheering.
12. Because the cat was hungry, it meowed loudly at the door.
13. Wherever you go, I'll be there to support you.
14. Although the directions were confusing, Jenna found the classroom.
15. If we leave now, we can still catch the beginning of the show.

III. Independent vs. Dependent Clauses: Paragraph Correction

Directions: Read the paragraph below. Some of the sentences are **dependent clauses that do not express a complete thought**. Underline each one and **rewrite the paragraph**, correcting the incomplete sentences by adding independent clauses or combining them with other sentences.

Mini-hint: A sentence that begins with *Because, Although, While, Since* is often a dependent clause that needs something else to complete the thought.

Paragraph:

Last Saturday was supposed to be a fun day at the park. Because it was Marcus’ birthday. He invited all his friends to play games and eat cupcakes. While they were setting up the decorations. His little sister spilled juice all over the picnic blanket. The weather was perfect, and the sun was shining brightly. Since nobody remembered to bring the soccer ball. They had to play tag instead. Everyone still had a great time. Although the cupcakes got squashed in the cooler.

Your Task:

1. Underline any **dependent clauses** that are **incomplete sentences**.
2. Rewrite the paragraph below with all sentences corrected.



IV. Grammar Mission: Independent vs. Dependent Clauses

Part 1: Identify the Clause Type

Write **I** for **Independent Clause** or **D** for **Dependent Clause** next to each sentence or phrase.

1. _____ After the rocket launched into the sky
2. _____ Captain Vega checked the control panel
3. _____ When the ship entered the asteroid field
4. _____ The crew cheered as the satellite was deployed
5. _____ Because the gravity controls stopped working

Part 2: Choose the Best Match

Each dependent clause below needs an independent clause to become a complete sentence. **Circle the correct independent clause** that could complete it.

6. If the navigation system fails,
 - a) they will have to steer manually.
 - b) while the team floated in zero gravity.
 - c) unless the control room beeps.
7. Although the fuel supply was low,
 - a) they are running through the checklist.
 - b) the alarm blinking red.
 - c) because the mission was difficult.
8. While the crew repaired the damaged wing,
 - a) the mission will cancel.
 - b) sparks flew from the engine.
 - c) because the ship was in trouble.

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Part 3: Fix the Sentences

Some of these are **fragments** (incomplete thoughts). **Rewrite** each to make a complete sentence by **adding a clause** or combining with another sentence.

9. Before the spacewalk began,

→ _____

10. Because the satellite spun slowly in orbit,

→ _____

11. Although the warning light was blinking,

→ _____

12. When the mission specialist floated outside the ship,

→ _____

13. Because the oxygen tank was nearly empty,

→ _____

14. If the signal doesn't reach Earth,

→ _____

Bonus: Create Your Own

Write **one sentence** that starts with a dependent clause and finishes with an independent clause.
Make it space-themed!

15. → _____

ANSWERS

Section I: Independent vs. Dependent Clauses

Write **I** for Independent or **D** for Dependent:

1. **I** – I read three chapters of my book
2. **D** – While the movie was playing
3. **I** – We baked cookies for the whole class
4. **D** – If you finish your chores early
5. **D** – Although it was raining outside
6. **I** – My dog barked loudly at the mailman
7. **I** – The baby slept quietly in her crib
8. **D** – Since I joined the soccer team
9. **D** – Because she forgot her homework
10. **I** – The sun set behind the mountains

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Section II: Underline the Dependent Clause

Underline only the dependent clause in each sentence.

1. After the rain stopped
 2. because I wasn't feeling well
 3. Although Max tried his best
 4. When the bell rang
 5. since the room was so noisy
 6. Before the movie started
 7. While she was finishing her project
 8. If you don't clean your room
 9. Even though the team lost
 10. Since the electricity went out
 11. As soon as the lights turned off
 12. Because the cat was hungry
 13. Wherever you go
 14. Although the directions were confusing
 15. If we leave now
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Section III: Paragraph Correction – Sample Answer

Last Saturday was supposed to be a fun day at the park **because it was Marcus' birthday**. He invited all his friends to play games and eat cupcakes. **While they were setting up the decorations**, his little sister spilled juice all over the picnic blanket. The weather was perfect, and the sun was shining brightly. **Since nobody remembered to bring the soccer ball**, they had to play tag instead. Everyone still had a great time, **although the cupcakes got squashed in the cooler**.



Section IV: Grammar Mission

Part 1: Identify the Clause Type

1. **D** – After the rocket launched into the sky
2. **I** – Captain Vega checked the control panel
3. **D** – When the ship entered the asteroid field
4. **I** – The crew cheered as the satellite was deployed
5. **D** – Because the gravity controls stopped working

Part 2: Choose the Best Match

6. **a)** they will have to steer manually.
7. **a)** they are running through the checklist.
8. **b)** sparks flew from the engine.

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Part 3: Fix the Sentences – Sample Answers

9. **Before the spacewalk began**, the crew reviewed safety procedures.
10. **Because the satellite spun slowly in orbit**, it remained in stable alignment.
11. **Although the warning light was blinking**, no one panicked.
12. **When the mission specialist floated outside the ship**, the rest of the team monitored her from inside.
13. **Because the oxygen tank was nearly empty**, they began emergency protocols.
14. **If the signal doesn't reach Earth**, the backup transmitter will activate.

Bonus – Sample Sentence

Although the navigation system was offline, the pilot managed to land the ship safely.



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