

A **dependent (subordinate) clause** is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb but does not express a complete thought. Dependent clauses cannot stand alone as sentences.

An **independent clause** is a group of words that includes a subject and a verb, and contains a complete thought. Independent clauses can stand alone as sentences.

Example: Just as I was leaving for work, the doorbell rang.

PREVIEW

Add an appropriate independent clause to complete each sentence.

1) Even though _____ .

2) Now that _____ .

3) By the time Alex arrived _____ .

4) As much as _____ .

5) While _____ .

6) Before _____ .

7) As soon as it started snowing, _____ .

8) Since _____ .

9) In case the students need help, _____ .

10) Whenever there's a sale at the mall, _____ .

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