

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: After watching the sunset, the family went to a restaurant.

PREVIEW

Add an appropriate independent clause to complete each sentence.

1) Although _____.

2) While _____.

3) Whether or not it rains, _____.

4) Wherever _____.

5) Even if the _____, _____.

6) As long as the _____, _____.

7) Ever since Joy left Atlanta, _____.

8) Before _____.

9) Just as John was leaving, _____.

10) If only I had more time, _____.

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