

Lesson 3**Dependent and Independent Clauses**

Read each sentence. Underline the independent clause once and the dependent clause twice.

1. When our town built a new playground, people of all ages helped.
2. Before the town made plans, they asked kids for ideas.
3. Although older kids wanted a basketball court, younger ones wanted swings.
4. Workers tore up the old playground after a plan was approved.
5. Some teenagers painted murals while the adults planted grass.
6. After the playground was finished, everyone had a big party.

An **independent clause** is another name for a simple sentence.

A **dependent clause** also has a subject and a predicate, but it cannot stand alone as a sentence because it does not express a complete thought.

A **complex sentence** has an independent clause and a dependent clause.

Write a complex sentence using each dependent clause. Remember to add a comma where necessary.

7. after I finished eating dinner

8. when I visit the library

9. because Ben likes nature

10. although Jo likes pizza

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