SMART STEP
ASSOCIATES

UNIT 43 – WORKSHEET

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Dependent or Independent Clauses

TASK A. Each sentence contains a clause in CAPITAL letters. Decide whether this clause is dependent or independent.

1. WHILE THE CAR IS BEING FIXED, we will need to take the bus.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

2. It isn't necessary to cram all night IF YOU HAVE STUDIED A LITTLE EACH DAY.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

3. Before you begin studying for the exam, YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT TO REST.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

4. I can't go to the movies SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

5. WHETHER HE ATTENDS THE PARTY OR NOT, I have decided to go.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

6. I WILL STOP PLAYING THE DRUMS when you go to sleep.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

7. SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR EXAM IN BIOLOGY, you probably don't feel like studying for tomorrow's exam in math.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

8. Until he apologizes to me for his rude behavior, I REFUSE TO SEE HIM.
   a.) dependent clause
   b.) independent clause

TASK B. Underline the independent clause once and the dependent clause twice in each sentence below.

Example a: Because I can't wait, I will go walking.
Answer: Because I can't wait, I will go walking.

1. Because he ran, he was able to catch the bus.
2. I will stay with you, until the sun sets.
3. As the lights dim, I will say good-bye.
4. Wherever he might go, I will follow him.
5. I will be waiting for you, so long as you know.
6. How he got elected, shows his determination.
7. She will buy it, if the dress is on sale.
8. Whenever you come to visit, make sure to bring food.
9. Unless you have the right size, don't try it on.

TASK C. In the following exercise, identify the clauses as either *dependent* or *independent* by marking them I or D.

1. Whenever I look deeply into your eyes. ___D___
2. I get dizzy. _____
3. Because these premises have been burglarized every night. _____
4. The campus is celebrating spring with the confusion of construction. _____
5. Which is the perfect solution to every problem. _____
7. As I leaped across the canyon. _____

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8. I thought of each incident in my past life. _____

9. The hat that I will wear._____

TASK D. Add a *dependent clause* to each *independent clause* below to complete each sentence.

Example: _____*For the first time*_____, *I have found success.*

1. _____, *I looked for my missing baseball.*
2. _____, *we won the game.*
3. _____, *the food was wonderful.*
4. _____, *all the students listened quietly.*
5. _____, *I will tell you the truth.*
6. _____, *remember to bring your bag.*
7. _____, *I will pay for your ticket.*
8. _____, *we all got soaked on the ride.*
9. _____, *you won that award.*

TASK E. Add an *independent clause* to each *dependent clause* below to complete each sentence.

Example: If you give me a reason, _____*If you give me a reason, I will think about it.*_____.

1. *How he got picked,* _____.
2. *Whenever you come visit,* _____.
3. *Wherever he might go,* _____.
4. *As long as you know,* _____.
5. *Before we leave,* _____.
6. *Until the sun sets,* _____.
7. *Before the food is served,* _____.
8. *If you can work on Monday,* _____.
9. *Supposing she wants to go,* _____.
10. *What she anticipated,* _____.

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