

Conventions

Independent and Dependent Clauses

Directions Write I if the underlined group of words is an independent clause. Write D if it is a dependent clause.

1. We visited the seashore when we went to California. _____
2. After we walked on the beach, we swam in the ocean. _____
3. Although the sun was warm, I shivered with cold. _____
4. The water seemed even colder because our skin was hot. _____
5. If you look far out, you can see dolphins swimming. _____
6. They leap out of the water as if they are playing. _____
7. While I was resting on the sand, I spied something. _____
8. When I looked through binoculars, I saw seals. _____
9. As I watched, some of them slid into the water. _____
10. Since I saw them, I have read more about seals. _____

Directions Complete each sentence by adding a clause from the box.

It is the exception to the rule	while a seal has none	it can weigh up to 8,800 pounds
because walruses are usually much bigger		you will remember it

1. You can tell a walrus and a seal apart _____.
2. In addition, a walrus has two large ivory tusks _____.
3. Because an elephant seal can grow very large, _____.
4. If you run into an elephant seal, _____.
5. When a male elephant seal is fully grown, _____.