

# Dependent and Independent Clauses #2



A **clause** is a group of words that contains both a subject and a predicate. There are two main types of clauses.

An **independent clause** is a complete thought.  
It can stand alone as a sentence.

A **dependent clause** is not a complete thought.  
It cannot stand alone as a sentence.

After the late night study session, Dottie and Shae were too exhausted to remember much.

dependent clause

independent clause

A **complex sentence** is made up of an independent clause and a dependent clause. In a complex sentence, the dependent clause usually starts with a subordinating conjunction such as *after, although, as, because, before, if, since, unless, until, when, or while*. It might also start with a relative pronoun such as *that, which, or who*.

**Directions: Underline the dependent clause and highlight the independent clause in each complex sentence.**

1. Because Ming forgot to set his alarm clock, he missed his early morning flight to Albuquerque.
2. I'll keep practicing at the skatepark until I get the hang of the backside 180 kickflip.
3. My Grandpa Mike, who lives on a boat, has visited numerous coastal cities around the world.
4. Gia and Arie decided to attend the solar technology exhibit after their instructor canceled the Saturday morning tae kwon do class.
5. Do you remember the name of that delicious multilayered French dessert that we tried at the Lavender House restaurant last weekend?
6. Callum wouldn't have joined the band unless he was available for practice three nights a week.
7. When the weather forecast changed, the Lancaster County Fair committee posted about the event cancellation on their social media.
8. If she can run a mile in less than eight minutes, Tahira will compete in the 3200m event for Ocean View Middle School's track team.
9. Will you take the quiche out of the oven when the crust is golden brown?
10. Although Raelee is a novice gardener, she grows the most beautiful azaleas on our street.
11. DeAndre, who interns at the Bronx Zoo during the summer, leads a variety of educational activities for zoo visitors.
12. As soon as construction is complete, Montgomery residents will be able to tour the brand new community center.
13. Every summer, we go camping with our cousins in Acadia National Park, which is one of the most beautiful places on Earth.
14. We plan to leave for Speedland as soon as Jamari finds the tickets on his cluttered dresser.