

Identifying Words as Dependent or Independent Clause Part 1

Read the given sentence. Identify whether the clause in bold is dependent or independent.

1. After the school carnival was over, **our class was in charge of counting the money.**

- Dependent clause Independent clause

2. **When it is raining outside,** I wear my rain boots to school.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

3. Put your papers in the box **if you are finished working.**

- Dependent clause Independent clause

4. **After my family ate dinner,** we went for a short walk in the neighborhood.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

5. **If I can save enough money,** I am going to buy mom some earrings for Christmas.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

6. **We have horseback riding lessons on Fridays,** but not when it is raining.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

7. **My mom asked me to answer the phone** because it was ringing.

- Dependent clause Independent clause
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8. **Because I cleaned my room**, mom is letting me spend the night with Jim.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

9. While I was eating breakfast, **my brother was brushing his teeth**.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

10. **The dancers began to twirl** as the show was beginning.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

11. When I left my books in the classroom, **Michael walked back with me to get them**.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

12. **I didn't want to print my paper** until I was finished looking for mistakes.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

13. Could you help me find my dog **because he has been missing since this morning**.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

14. We went to the farmer's market **after we made a list of items to buy**.

- Dependent clause Independent clause

15. You probably shouldn't watch television **while you are doing your homework**.

- Dependent clause Independent clause