Exercise A
Identify each of the following clauses as independent or subordinate. On the line provided, write IND for independent clause or SUB for subordinate clause.

**EXAMPLES**

1. Nikki Giovanni will be speaking _IND_
   - 2. before the awards are presented _SUB_

1. the carburetor was adjusted _IND_
2. when the carburetor was adjusted _SUB_
3. the other car was insured _IND_
4. if the other car was insured _SUB_
5. because we needed a larger apartment _IND_
6. each applicant is thoroughly tested _SUB_
7. imitation is the sincerest form of flattery _IND_
8. although the plot was very original _SUB_
9. the cha-cha is a Cuban dance _IND_
10. unless the circulation of our paper increases _SUB_

Exercise B
In each of the following sentences, identify the italicized clause as independent or subordinate. On the line provided, write IND for independent or SUB for subordinate.

**EXAMPLE**

1. Ms. Maskewit, the volleyball coach, was thrilled when her team made the state semifinals._SUB_

1. In 1887 Granville T. Woods invented a telegraph system that allowed railroad crew members to communicate with each other and with railroad stations _IND_
2. The cheetah, which can run as fast as fifty to seventy miles per hour over short distances, is the fastest land mammal. _IND_
3. Hanukkah usually comes in December, and it lasts for eight days. _IND_
4. What did you do with the map that I gave you? _IND_
5. For the party everyone dressed up as famous movie characters they admired. _IND_
6. While Mr. Foster was in Puerto Rico, he visited the Ponce Art Museum. _IND_
7. Because guinea pigs seldom bite and are easy to take care of, they make good pets. _IND_
8. The bulletin board is covered with notices, but many of them are for past events. _IND_
9. Mary McLeod Bethune was an educator who worked to improve opportunities for African Americans. _IND_
10. The band that will play at the spring dance is a local favorite among high school students. _IND_
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Worksheet 1
Identifying Independent and Subordinate Clauses

Exercise A
1. IND 6. IND
2. SUB 7. IND
3. IND 8. SUB
4. SUB 9. IND
5. SUB 10. SUB

Exercise B
1. SUB
2. SUB
3. IND
4. SUB
5. IND
6. IND
7. SUB
8. IND
9. IND
10. SUB

Worksheet 2
Identifying Adjective Clauses

Exercise A (The first item in each pair is the word modified. The second is the adjective clause.)
1. Orpheum Theater—which was renovated several years ago
2. Frida Kahlo—whose paintings often contain autobiographical subject matter
3. Fiesta® San Antonio—which is held in San Antonio each spring
4. Camels—whose humps carry built-in food supplies
5. puppy—that she wanted to adopt
6. Anyone—who wants to go to college
7. botanist—who will be our guest speaker tomorrow
8. blinds—that we ordered for the living room
9. teacher—who I most admire
10. movie—that we rented last night

Exercise B (The first item in each pair is the word modified. The second is the adjective clause.)
1. horse—that Christine rode
2. money—that was missing
3. players—whom the coach depended on the most
4. woman—who reminds you of your grandmother
5. pocket—that contained his wallet
6. people—whose skin is irritated by ordinary soap
7. everything—that we see in print
8. tree—my grandfather planted (that)
9. artist—who my mother most admires
10. writer—who is best known for his plays

Worksheet 3
Identifying and Using Adverb Clauses

Exercise A
1. so that I would be sure to remember
2. When labor and management disagree
3. where almost nothing else will survive
4. as if they were intended for him
5. Unless we understand the past
6. because it wags its tail instead of its tongue
7. Whenever I find out that I have misspelled a word
8. Before you criticize modern art
9. While we were vacationing in New York
10. if it’s not too spicy

Exercise B (Answers will vary.)
1. unless
2. Although
3. while
4. As
5. as if
6. As soon as
7. so that
8. When
9. because
10. Whenever

Worksheet 4
Using Adverb Clauses

Exercise (Answers will vary.)
1. As Anzu jogged along the river, she saw an empty raft.
2. When our refrigerator broke down, we stored our food in our neighbor’s refrigerator.
3. After Dwayne pressed the dough into six-inch circles, he cooked the tortillas on the griddle.

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