

WORKSHEET 1

Identifying Independent and Subordinate Clauses
(Rules 7 a–c)

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 IND 1. Nikki Giovanni will be speaking
SUB 2. before the awards are presented

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

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

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

Worksheet 1**Identifying Independent and Subordinate Clauses****Exercise A**

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

Exercise B

- SUB
- SUB
- IND
- SUB
- IND
- IND
- SUB
- IND
- IND
- SUB

Worksheet 2**Identifying Adjective Clauses**

Exercise A *(The first item in each pair is the word modified. The second is the adjective clause.)*

- Orpheum Theater—which was renovated several years ago
- Frida Kahlo—whose paintings often contain autobiographical subject matter
- Fiesta® San Antonio—which is held in San Antonio each spring
- Camels—whose humps carry built-in food supplies
- puppy—that she wanted to adopt
- Anyone—who wants to go to college
- botanist—who will be our guest speaker tomorrow
- blinds—that we ordered for the living room
- teacher—whom I most admire
- movie—that we rented last night

Exercise B *(The first item in each pair is the word modified. The second is the adjective clause.)*

- horse—that Christine rode
- money—that was missing
- players—whom the coach depended on the most

- woman—who reminds you of your grandmother
- pocket—that contained his wallet
- people—whose skin is irritated by ordinary soap
- everything—that we see in print
- tree—my grandfather planted (that)
- artist—whom my mother most admires
- writer—who is best known for his plays

Worksheet 3**Identifying and Using Adverb Clauses****Exercise A**

- so that I would be sure to remember
- When labor and management disagree
- where almost nothing else will survive
- as if they were intended for him
- Unless we understand the past
- because it wags its tail instead of its tongue
- Whenever I find out that I have misspelled a word
- Before you criticize modern art
- While we were vacationing in New York
- if it's not too spicy

Exercise B *(Answers will vary.)*

- unless
- Although
- while
- As
- as if
- As soon as
- so that
- When
- because
- Whenever

Worksheet 4**Using Adverb Clauses**

Exercise *(Answers will vary.)*

- As Anzu jogged along the river, she saw an empty raft.
- When our refrigerator broke down, we stored our food in our neighbor's refrigerator.
- After Dwayne pressed the dough into six-inch circles, he cooked the tortillas on the griddle.