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Identifying Clauses Worksheet

A clause is a group of words that contains a verb and its subject. There are two kinds of clauses, *independent* and *dependent*. An **independent clause** expresses a complete thought and can stand by itself as a sentence. A **dependent clause** does not express a complete thought and cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Directions: Identify each sentence below as an independent clause or a dependent clause.

Example A: While I was asleep

Answer: dependent clause

1. If you give me a reason. _____
2. After months of research. _____
3. I enjoy ice cream. _____
4. John hit the baseball. _____
5. Whoever shows up on time. _____
6. Whatever makes you happy. _____
7. Whomever you like. _____
8. The poet received many awards. _____
9. When the president arrives. _____

Answers: