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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:*