

Independent Or Dependent Answer Key

Correct Labels

1. IC → *I stayed home*
2. DC → *Although she was tired*
3. DC → *since it was raining*
4. IC → *the students lined up*
5. IC → *She smiled*
6. DC → *Because I forgot my book*
7. DC → *when the door opened*
8. IC → *He studied every night*
9. DC → *if the weather is nice*
10. DC → *After the movie ended*

Teacher Guide / Notes

- **Independent Clauses (IC):** Can stand alone as complete sentences.
- **Dependent Clauses (DC):** Cannot stand alone; they usually begin with a **subordinating conjunction** (because, since, when, although, if, while, after, etc.).
- Note #8: "He studied every night" is an **independent clause** because it expresses a complete thought. This ensures students see the contrast between IC and DC in the same quiz.
- Differentiation Tip: Ask students to rewrite a dependent clause into a full sentence, or to add an independent clause to complete it.