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Clause Unpackers Answer Key

1. Because the bus was late (D), we missed the first part of the movie (I).
2. The students cheered loudly (I) when their team scored the winning goal (D).
3. I couldn't go to the party (I) since I had to finish my project (D).
4. She stayed at the library (I) after the teacher assigned extra reading (D).
5. We decided to stay home (I) because the storm was getting worse (D).

Challenge Sentences

6. Although it was raining (D), we went hiking (I), and we took lots of pictures (I).
7. I will call you (I) after I finish my homework (D) if my phone battery doesn't die (D).
8. While the band was playing (D), the crowd clapped along (I), and some people danced (I).

Teacher Notes / Guide

- This exercise strengthens the skill of **clause recognition** within longer sentences.
- Remind students that **dependent clauses** often begin with subordinating conjunctions (*because, although, while, since, after, if*).
- Independent clauses must form a **complete thought** and can stand alone as a sentence.
- For enrichment: ask students to **reorder the clauses** to make new variations (e.g., start with the dependent clause, then follow with the independent clause).