

Clause Repair Shop Answer Key

Sample Corrections

1. **Because the rain was heavy and the wind was strong, we stayed inside.**
(Added independent clause: *we stayed inside*)
2. **Although I studied for the test and reviewed my notes, I was still nervous.**
(Added independent clause: *I was still nervous*)
3. **If the lights go out because the storm gets worse, we will use candles.**
(Added independent clause: *we will use candles*)
4. **Before the show started and while the audience was getting seated, the actors prepared backstage.**
(Added independent clause: *the actors prepared backstage*)
5. **Since it was cold outside, although the snow looked pretty, we decided to stay indoors.**
(Added independent clause: *we decided to stay indoors*)

Challenge Sentences

6. **Because she was tired, although she finished her chores, she went to bed early.**
7. **While the dog barked loudly and before the mail carrier walked away, the children opened the door.**
8. **If you practice every day, since you want to improve, you will become an excellent musician.**

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Error type explained:** Two dependent clauses together do **not** form a complete sentence. At least one independent clause must be present.
- Look for **subordinating conjunctions** (*because, although, if, while, since, before*). If the sentence has only those, it's incomplete.
- Encourage students to be **flexible and creative**; many independent clauses could correctly fix each sentence.
- Extension: Have students deliberately **write their own "broken" dependent + dependent" sentences**, then trade papers with a partner to fix them.