

Name _____

Clause Identifiers Answer Key

1. Although it was raining (D), we still played soccer in the park (I).
2. I enjoy reading books (I), whenever I have free time (D).
3. She couldn't attend the meeting (I), because she was sick (D).
4. We went to the store (I), but they had already closed (I).
5. If you finish your homework early (D), we can watch a movie (I).
6. The cat slept on the couch (I), while the dog barked outside (D).
7. Before the sun set (D), the children gathered their toys (I).
8. He runs every morning (I), and he eats a healthy breakfast (I).
9. Because the alarm didn't go off (D), Maria missed the bus (I), so her friend gave her a ride (I).
10. I stayed up late (I) since I was finishing a project (D), but I still woke up on time (I).

Teacher Notes / Guide:

- **Independent Clauses** = complete thoughts that can stand alone.
- **Dependent Clauses** = need an independent clause to make sense, often starting with subordinating conjunctions (*although, if, before, since, because*).
- Encourage students to **circle conjunctions** first. These are clues that often signal dependent clauses.
- Extension activity: Have students write their own sentences with one independent and one dependent clause, then swap with a partner for identification.