

## Missing Independents Answer Key

### Sample Corrections

1. **Because the bus was late, we missed the beginning of the movie.**  
(Error: dependent clause only; corrected by adding *we missed the beginning of the movie.*)
2. **Although she tried her best, she didn't win the race.**  
(Error: dependent clause only; corrected by adding *she didn't win the race.*)
3. **When the lights went out, everyone lit candles.**  
(Error: dependent clause only; corrected by adding *everyone lit candles.*)
4. **Since we arrived early, we got the best seats.**  
(Error: dependent clause only; corrected by adding *we got the best seats.*)
5. **If you don't study, you will not pass the exam.**  
(Error: dependent clause only; corrected by adding *you will not pass the exam.*)

### Challenge Sentences

6. **Even though the storm was strong and the wind was howling, the house stayed safe.**
7. **While the teacher explained the lesson and gave more examples, the students took careful notes.**
8. **Before the concert started and the audience found their seats, the band tuned their instruments.**

### Teacher Notes / Guide

- Emphasize that a **dependent clause alone is a fragment** because it cannot stand as a complete thought.
- The correction must add **an independent clause** that finishes the idea.
- Encourage creativity: students may add **different independent clauses** as long as the sentence is logical.