

Supplying Dependent Clauses Answer Key

Sample Answers (many correct versions possible)

1. Because the lights went out, **we had to find candles.**
2. Although I was nervous, **I gave my speech clearly.**
3. Since the weather was warm, **we went swimming at the lake.**
4. While the baby was sleeping, **the parents cleaned the kitchen quietly.**
5. If you listen carefully, **you will hear the birds singing outside.**
6. After the team scored, **the fans cheered loudly in the stadium.**
7. Even though it was late, **we kept talking until midnight.**
8. When the phone rang, **she rushed to answer it quickly.**

Sample Challenge Answers

9. Unless you bring your homework, **the teacher will not let you participate in class activities.**
10. Before the train arrived, **we checked the schedule and bought our tickets at the counter.**

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Dependent clauses** often start with subordinating conjunctions (*because, although, since, while, if, after, even though, when, unless, before*).
- Remind students: a dependent clause **cannot stand alone** — it “depends” on the independent clause.
- Encourage **variety in answers**: multiple independent clauses could logically complete the same dependent clause.
- For differentiation:
 - Stronger students can be asked to write **two different completions** for the same dependent clause.
 - Emerging writers can choose from a **provided bank of independent clauses** for extra support.