

## Clause Sort & Build Answer Key

Sample Responses - Student answers may vary

### Independent Clauses

- The children laughed loudly (B)
- She studied for the test (C)
- My brother baked a cake (E)
- We stayed inside (G)
- The sun set behind the hills (H)

### Dependent Clauses

- Because it was raining (A)
- Although he was tired (D)
- If you want to win (F)

1. **Simple Sentence:** The children laughed loudly.
  - One independent clause only.
2. **Compound Sentence:** She studied for the test, and my brother baked a cake.
  - Two independent clauses joined by coordinating conjunction (*and*).
3. **Complex Sentence:** We stayed inside because it was raining.
  - Independent clause + dependent clause.

### Teacher Notes:

- Students may combine clauses in many correct ways; accept any grammatically correct answers.
- **Tip for sorting:** Look for subordinating conjunctions (*because, although, if*) to identify dependent clauses.
- Extension: After building one of each type, ask students to create **compound-complex sentences** by combining at least **two independent clauses + one dependent clause**.