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## The Clause Quest Answer Key

1. **(Because it was raining)** [dependent] / **we stayed inside** [independent]
2. **I washed the dishes** [independent] / **my brother dried them** [independent]
3. **The bird sang a cheerful tune** [independent]
4. **She wanted to join the club** [independent] / **she forgot to fill out the application** [independent]
5. **(When the lights went out)** [dependent] / **the students lit their flashlights** [independent]
6. **The children played in the park** [independent] / **(after they finished their homework)** [dependent]
7. **We will go to the zoo tomorrow** [independent]
8. **I like pizza** [independent] / **I don't eat it often** [independent]
9. **(Although he was tired)** [dependent] / **he finished his homework before bed** [independent]
10. **The dog barked loudly** [independent] / **the cat hid under the couch** [independent] / **(until the noise stopped)** [dependent]

### Teacher Notes:

- **Independent clauses:** complete ideas with subject + predicate that can stand alone.
- **Dependent clauses:** often begin with subordinating conjunctions (because, although, when, after, until, etc.) and cannot stand alone.
- In **simple sentences**, students will only underline one independent clause.
- In **compound sentences**, there will be two (or more) independent clauses joined by FANBOYS (*for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*).
- In **complex sentences**, expect at least one underlined independent clause plus one circled dependent clause.