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Identifying Clauses in Complex Sentences Worksheet

A complex sentence has an independent clause and a dependent clause.
An independent clause is a complete sentence that can stand on its own.
A dependent or subordinate clause is not a complete sentence for it cannot stand on its own.

Dependent clauses start with subordinating conjunctions such as: after, so, because, since, although, even though, before, unless, whenever etc...

Directions: Read each sentence below. Underline the independent clause once and the dependent or subordinate clause twice.

Example A: Though he was late, he still made a contribution.

Answer: Though he was late, he still made a contribution.

1. After the game, we all went out for pizza.
2. Although we were late, we were still let into the show.
3. Unless he shows up, I will have to go on without him.
4. Even though they did the work, they will still have to do it again.
5. We went to the fair, since we had the time.
6. Whenever you are ready, you need to let me know.
7. Wherever you are, I will find you.
8. Before the game, I went to the store and bought some gum.
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