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### Identifying Clauses Worksheet

A clause is a group of words that contains a verb and its subject.

There are two kinds of clauses, *independent* and *dependent*.

An **independent clause** expresses a complete thought and can stand by itself as a sentence.

A **dependent clause** does not express a complete thought and cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Directions: Identify each sentence below as an independent clause or a dependent clause.

*Example A: While I was asleep*

*Answer: dependent clause*

1. If you give me a reason. \_\_\_\_\_

2. After months of research. \_\_\_\_\_

3. I enjoy ice cream. \_\_\_\_\_

4. John hit the baseball. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Whoever shows up on time. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Whatever makes you happy. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Whomever you like. \_\_\_\_\_

8. The poet received many awards. \_\_\_\_\_

9. When the president arrives. \_\_\_\_\_

*Answers:*