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Independent/dependent clauses

**Directions:** identify each item as an independent (I) or dependent (D) clause. Underline all of the subordinating conjunctions. If the clause is dependent, add an independent clause to create a complete sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ When the camp counselor checked the cabin.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ They sang songs around a campfire.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Because he put a frog in Mike’s sleeping bag.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mosquitoes were a problem.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ If they had passed the lifesaving course.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The captain of the swim team completed his laps in record time.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The tired students slept through chemistry class.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ When everyone had gone home.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The flying squirrel landed on Edward’s face.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Although he had no formal education.
11. \_\_\_\_\_\_ While Ed sanded the old rocker.
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Because the sun melted Lester into a puddle of nasty slime.
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_ As the world turned.
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Since Fred had to eat 10 live cockroaches on Fear Factor.
15. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The audience cheered loudly.

**Directions:** Each sentence contains at least one independent and at least one dependent clause. Underline the independent clauses once. Underline the dependent clauses twice. Put commas where they belong.

Examples: a. After Sarah finished the book, she decided to read another one.

b. Lyle hit a home run when his team needed it the most.

1. After the storm tore through Plymouth PHS remained in outstanding condition.
2. I went to the Sheboygan Aldi store because I wanted to get an excellent deal on bananas.
3. If I buy this huge plasma screen TV today I know for sure it will be on sale within two weeks.
4. We had to stop playing basketball since the ball went down the sewer.
5. Because the sun was hot many spectators wore hats.
6. The press interviewed the golf meet winner while his opponent hung his head in defeat.
7. The stadium was jammed with spectators when the tennis stars walked to the center court.
8. When Shirley received a 22 on a par 3 the audience cheered loudly.
9. After Jeff wrote the check for 79 cents he drank his pint of milk.
10. We decided to have the picnic even though a tornado appears to be on its way to the park.