

Independent and Dependent Clauses Worksheet

Identification

Identify the following sentences as either dependent (DC) or independent (IC).

1. I went to the park
2. Sandra and Lara have been good friends since first grade.
3. Although Shaina likes Mexican, Iraqi, Somali, and Italian food
4. After swimming in the ocean
5. Animal communication is not considered to be a legitimate language by some scientists.
6. When Jim and Ayman eat lunch together in the breakroom.

Joining Clauses

Properly join the clauses.

1. When I went to the zoo + I looked at the animals.
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2. He came to class + He forgot his homework.
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3. We studied all night + Therefore, we did well on the test.
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4. She might have been sick + Maybe her car broke down.
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5. They went out to eat + Because they were hungry.
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Part I: Independent and Dependent Clauses Answer Key

Identification:

1. IC
2. IC
3. DC
4. DC
5. IC
6. DC

Joining Clauses:

1. When I went to the zoo, I looked at the animals.
2. He came to class, but he forgot his homework.
3. We studied all night; therefore, we did well on the test.
4. She might have been sick, or maybe her car broke down.
5. They went out to eat because they were hungry.