

Chapter- 10

Independent and Dependent Clauses

STUDY NOTES

AT A GLANCE

- 1) Phrases do not contain a subject and a verb.
- 2) It is only simple combination of words without complete meaning.
- 3) It cannot be a sentence.
- 4) Clauses are group of words that consists of a subject and a verb.
- 5) It forms a complete sentence in itself.
- 6) It is a part of a larger sentence.
- 7) A clause is divided into two types – independent and dependent clause.
- 8) Independent clause is also known as main clause.
- 9) Dependent clause is also known as subordinate clause.
- 10) An independent clause expresses a complete meaning.
- 11) A dependent clause does not express a complete meaning.
- 12) It contains a verb and an object but incomplete in meaning.
- 13) Dependent clauses always start with a conjunction.
- 14) A conjunction shows the relation between independent and dependent clause.

- 1) State whether the underlined groups of words are phrases and clauses. Write P for phrases and C for clauses.

- a) Of the two boys, Neeraj is more intelligent. **Clause**
- b) There might be a shortage of food during winter. **Phrase**
- c) The girl in the red shirt is my sister. **Phrase**
- d) d) After an impressive start, India scored a total of two hundred runs. **Clause**
- e) e) Vinay's dad is moving to New Delhi for his new job. **Phrase**
- f) f) Though he played well, he could not score a goal. **Clause**
- g) g) The teacher explained the difference between ignorance and experience. **Clause**

- 2) Identify the type of underlined clauses. Write D for dependent clauses and I for independent clauses.

- a) As the teacher was not there, I could not speak to her. **D**

- b) He completed his homework before he ate his dinner. I
- c) Please wait here until I come back. D
- d) You will not pass the exam if you do not work hard. I
- e) I need a new computer. I
- f) Suraj will buy a new phone only if the shopkeeper offers a discount. D
- g) Whenever I visit my grandmother, I make sure to bring mangoes from her farm. I
- h) Isha was watching television because her favourite show was being telecast. D

3) Identify the dependent and independent clauses in each of the following sentences. Also identify the conjunction in each dependent clause. One is done for you.

b) We stayed home until it stopped raining.

Ans) IC – We stayed home

DC – until it stopped raining

CONJ - until

c) Unless we have five players, we will not be able to play this game.

Ans) IC – we will not be able to play this game

DC – Unless we have five players

CONJ - unless

d) I will take my medicines after I finish eating my dinner.

Ans) IC – I will take my medicines

DC – after I finish eating my dinner

CONJ - after

e) I finished my homework quickly so that I could watch the match on TV.

Ans) IC – I finished my homework quickly

DC – so that I could watch the match on TV.

CONJ - so that

f) We did not win the quiz even though our performance was good.

Ans) IC – We did not win the quiz

DC – even though our performance was good

CONJ - even though

g) Before Rajesh went to the supermarket, he made a list of the things he wanted to buy.

Ans) IC – he made a list of the things he wanted to buy

DC – Before Rajesh went to the supermarket

CONJ - Before

4) Match the independent clauses to their respective clauses to make complete sentences.

Independent Clause

- 1) Neena could not see properly
- 2) The workshop was cancelled
- 3) You need to submit the project
- 4) I do not know
- 5) None of the students passed
- 6) I will be very disappointed
- 7) I was doing my homework

Dependent Clause

- a) as it started raining heavily. 2
- b) as the lights were very dim. 1
- c) because the test was so difficult. 5
- d) when the bell rang. 7
- e) if the team does not win the championship. 6
- f) before you go home. 3
- g) why she did not want to come with us. 4

5) Add suitable independent or dependent clauses to the clauses given below to make sentences.

- a) We found everyone enjoying when we moved to the city.
- b) I will not attend your birthday party if you will invite Anita.
- c) She was shouting loudly as I could not hear her.
- d) We will go to the museum this Sunday so that we can enjoy.
- e) I will meet my cousins if I go to Pondicherry.
- f) I lost my bag when I was returning from the market.
- g) Sweta carried her umbrella as it was raining outside .

6) Look at the pictures given below. Write an instruction on each of the pictures using one dependent and one independent clause. One is done for you.

- ❖ **Picture B** – Switch off the lights and fans when not in use because it leads to loss of energy.
- ❖ **Picture C** – Do not communicate over phone while driving because it can be dangerous.
- ❖ **Picture D** – As the water is running, there is chance of water scarcity.
- ❖ **Picture E** – Brush your teeth twice daily otherwise it will cause cavity.
- ❖ **Picture F** - Always close the tap so that there is no loss of water

