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Clauses

Independent and Subordinate Clauses

An **independent clause** can stand alone as a sentence. A **subordinate or dependent clause** contains a subject and verb, but does not express a complete thought and can't stand alone as a sentence. The subordinate clause must be attached to the independent clause to complete the meaning. Subordinate clauses are begun with a subordinating conjunction such as *although, because, if, since, until, and when* or relative pronouns such as *who, which, and that*.

Identify each clause as independent (IND) or subordinate (SUB).

- _____ 1. although the cookies were low in fat
- _____ 2. they were still high in calories
- _____ 3. Jack paid all his bills
- _____ 4. after he received a second notice
- _____ 5. who wants seats in the first balcony
- _____ 6. the people must buy their tickets months in advance
- _____ 7. Mr. Stickney used his car phone to call a tow truck
- _____ 8. after his car overheated
- _____ 9. the icemaker is broken
- _____ 10. although the refrigerator is new
- _____ 11. Marcia wears high heels every day
- _____ 12. since she works downtown
- _____ 13. until the road construction is completed
- _____ 14. we have to leave thirty minutes earlier
- _____ 15. since you don't have a flashlight