

## Main and Subordinate Clauses

A **main** or **independent** clause can stand on its own as a sentence.

A **subordinate** or **dependent** clause cannot stand on its own as a sentence.

Example: Main: I went to the store.

Subordinate: Because I went to the store.

Look at the following sentences. Label them M for main clause or S for subordinate clause.

If the sentence is a subordinate clause, add a main clause to turn it into a complete sentence.

  S   1. Although it was raining.

           Although it was raining, the sun was still out.

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       2. Because we played baseball.

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       3. The cat liked to chase mice.

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       4. Since he was hungry.

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       5. When it is cold outside.

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       6. If you get an A on the test.

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       7. The baby slept soundly.

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       8. As the roller coaster went down the hill.

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       9. While eating lunch.

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       10. It was a hard test.

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## Main and Subordinate Clauses Answer Key

\_\_S\_\_ 1. Although it was raining.

Although it was raining, the sun was still out.

\_\_S\_\_ 2. Because we played baseball.

We were late for dinner because we played baseball.

\_\_M\_\_ 3. The cat liked to chase mice.

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\_\_S\_\_ 4. Since he was hungry.

Since he was hungry I gave him my sandwich.

\_\_S\_\_ 5. When it is cold outside.

We like to go sledding when it is cold outside.

\_\_S\_\_ 6. If you get an A on the test.

If you get an A on the test Mom will give you a treat.

\_\_M\_\_ 7. The baby slept soundly.

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\_\_S\_\_ 8. As the roller coaster went down the hill.

As the roller coaster went down the hill it traveled fast.

\_\_S\_\_ 9. While eating lunch.

I watched the bees in the garden while eating lunch.

\_\_M\_\_ 10. It was a hard test.

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