Identifying independent and dependent clauses
- Read each sentence carefully.
- Identify the independent clause (IC) and dependent clause (DC) in each sentence.

Independent clause = can stand alone as a complete sentence because it expresses a complete thought.

Dependent clause = cannot stand alone as a sentence because it does not express a complete thought.

1. After I finished my dinner, I watched a movie.	
IC : I watched a movie ✔	DC : After I finished my dinner ✔
2. Because it was raining, we decided to stay indoors.	
IC : We decided to stay indoors ✔	DC : Because it was raining ✔
3. Sarah went to the store before she went home.	
IC : Sarah went to the store ✔	DC : Before she went home ✔
4. Although he was tired, he kept working on his project.	
IC : He kept working on his project ✔	DC : Although he was tired ✔
5. When the bell rang, the students lined up to go to class.	
IC : The Students Lined Up to go to class ✔	DC : When the bell rang ✔
6. Since she didn't have any money, she couldn't buy the book.	
IC : Since she didn't have any money ✔	DC : she couldn't buy the book ✔
7. Whenever I visit my grandparents, I enjoy their delicious cooking.	
IC : i enjoy their delicious cooking ✔	DC : Whenever i visit my grandparents ✔
8. The cat meowed loudly until someone fed it.	
IC : The cat meowed loudly ✔	DC : Until someone fed it ✔
9. As soon as the concert ended, the crowd applauded.	
IC : the crowd applauded ✔	DC : As soon as the concert ended ✔
10. Because he missed the bus, he arrived late to school.	

| IC : He arrived late to school ✓ | DC : Because he missed the bus ✓ |

Write your own 10 complex sentences.