

Clauses Homework

Name _____

Date _____

I. Circle each clause in the following sentences. Label dependent clauses with a “D.” Label independent clauses with an “I.”

1. The alarm rang incessantly, but I refused to get out of bed.
2. Before I left for school, my mother handed my lunch to me.
3. Mrs. Krieger and Mrs. Finkelman waved to me in the hallway.
4. I smiled and waved back.
5. My first period class, Chemistry, got off to an interesting start.
6. The teacher nearly set a student on fire when he lit the Bunsen burner.
7. Lunch was approaching, and my stomach was growling.
8. After I finished eating, I remembered my history exam and studied some key terms.
9. Though I felt ready for the test, I was relieved when my teacher announced a delay because I was a bit tired.
10. When the final bell rang, I ran out the door and met my friends.

II. Complete the following sentences by inserting any necessary punctuation.

1. When I called my dog's name he returned to my side.
2. I ate my breakfast and ran out the door because I was late for school.
3. After we won the game we all met at the restaurant and everyone joined together in an enthusiastic toast.
4. I love to draw because drawing relaxes me but I don't draw well so I don't usually share my drawings when they are finished.
5. Whenever my dog sees a cat he barks and growls so I reprimand him and he stops.

**III. Combine the following clauses to form coherent and grammatically correct sentences.
Use the conjunction in parentheses.**

1. The band conductor looked angry (after)
The trumpeter played the wrong notes
2. The view at the top of the mountain is magnificent (but)
The climb to the top is grueling

3. The reporter misunderstood the speakers at the meeting
The article in the newspaper contained many factual errors (because)

4. The grain shipment had to be sent
The citizens in the provinces would starve (or)

5. John made the all-state basketball team
His favorite sport is badminton (yet)

6. The driver noticed a cat in the road
He swerved to avoid it (when)

7. Alex would like to play hockey on the school team
He gets up early to practice at the rink (so)

8. I will help you with the Spanish homework
You will help me with math (if)

9. The accident occurred at night
Poor visibility was not the primary cause (although)

10. My grades have not been strong
I stopped doing my homework

(since)

IV. For each of the following exercises, write an original sentence that fulfills the listed criteria

1. One independent clause

2. Two independent clauses

3. One dependent clause at the beginning of the sentence and one independent clause

4. One independent clause at the beginning of the sentence and one dependent clause

5. Two independent clauses and one dependent clause