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Dependent Subordinate Clauses Practice Exercise 1

Directions: Determine whether the underlined section refers to an independent clause or a dependent (subordinate) clause.

- 1. After we gathered the wood, we built a campfire on the beach that night.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 2. He opposed the plan, so he spoke frankly against it.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 3. She rushed to the telephone when she heard the startling news.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 4. He offered to buy five records, but he could only afford two.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 5. Bruce understands the math problem, but he still makes mistakes.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 6. She began her career as a nurse when she started working at the local hospital.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 7. Since the company changed its package design, sales increased sharply.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause





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- 8. While I was watching the parade, someone stole my wallet.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 9. Even though it had rained for two days, the sun finally appeared.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
- 10. Tanya swims very well, but I can swim faster.
 - A. Independent Clause
 - B. Dependent (Subordinate) Clause





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Answer Key: Dependent Subordinate Clauses Practice Exercise 1

- 1. B
- 2. A
- 3. B
- 4. A
- 5. A
- 6. B
- 7. B
- 8. B
- 9. A
- 10. A