

Finding Dependent Clauses

Part A: Carefully underline each dependent clause in the sentences below. Do not underline words that are not part of the clause, and do not omit words that are part of the clause. Then identify the clause as relative (**R**) or subordinate (**S**).

1. Our turnover rate declined after we implemented the new wage scale. _____
2. The photograph that is controversial is on display at the gallery. _____
3. Because the clerks make so many errors, we must change the procedure. _____
4. Horses that have been injured beyond healing must be put down. _____
5. The staffer whose computer exploded is in the hospital. _____
6. Mary earned a bonus as she has had record sales this year. _____
7. People who cheat on their taxes are cheating all of us. _____
8. Before the storm arrived, we all went to the basement. _____
9. Laura Payton, who is a consultant, is meeting with the president. _____
10. The employee to whom the job will be given must have good productivity. _____

Part B: Write 4 simple sentences (one Independent Clause):

1. Simple

2. Simple

3. Simple

4. Simple

Part C: Write 4 Compound Sentences (two Independent clauses)

1. Compound:

2. Compound:

3. Compound:

4. Compound:

Part D: Write 4 Complex Sentences. (One Independent Clause and one Dependent clause) Try using subordinate and relative clauses.

1. Complex:

2. Complex:

3. Complex:

4. Complex:
