

## Identifying Clauses

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- \_\_\_\_\_ All over the floor, table, and chair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Douglas had the most responsibility for chores around the house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Digging and looking for his bone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Erica and all her friends.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enrique got an "A" on his math test!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Played the flute in the marching band.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Juanita ran all the way home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The dog ran around the yard.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Although it was not his best subject.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Milked dripped from the spilled bowl of cereal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The car raced down the street, and it slammed on its brakes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Whenever I feel lonely, I play with my warm, fuzzy kitten.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There was a big hole in the middle of the floor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Because my cousin's science experiment blew up.

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When identifying clauses, I feel:

\_\_\_\_\_ confident          \_\_\_\_\_ unsure          \_\_\_\_\_ I need help.

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Sample Answer - Although it was not his best subject, Enrique got  
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