

Identifying Clauses

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- _____ Because he was older than his brothers.
- _____ 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.

In the space below, find a dependent clause and an independent clause that can go together to make a complex sentence.

When identifying clauses, I feel:

_____ confident _____ unsure _____ I need help.

Identifying Clauses Answer Key

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Sample Answer - Although it was not his best subject, Enrique got
at "A" on his math test!
