

Newspaper Hunt for Dependent and Independent Clauses

TN Language Arts Checks for Understanding

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Review what dependent (main) and independent (subordinate) clauses are.

- ✓ Independent (main) clauses contain a subject and a verb and are complete thoughts on their own. They can stand alone.
- ✓ Dependent (subordinate) clauses are not complete thoughts on their own; left alone, they form sentence fragments.
- ✓ Dependent (subordinate) clauses must be joined with independent clauses in order to form a complete sentence.
- ✓ Clauses, both dependent and independent, contain subjects and verbs.
- ✓ Have students review in their notes the words that normally begin dependent clauses.
- ✓ Review sentence types (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex).

Put students in pairs.

Give each group a newspaper or news magazine.

Instruct students to go through the newspaper or magazine and find both dependent and independent clauses.

Students are to underline independent clauses and circle dependent clauses.

Students are should copy the sentences onto the attached chart.

Remind students to write the name of the article correctly.

Students should also read the article(s) in which they found their sentences and write a brief summary of the article.

Remind the students that a summary tells who, what, when, and where about the article.

