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Due Date:

Topic: Fourth Grade Memories

Skill: Dependent and Independent Clauses

Topic Description

Fourth grade is a recent memory. What did you like best about it? What were some of your challenges? What kinds of projects and field trips made fourth grade special? What were some of your favorite books? What were some of your favorite games you played, in or outside of school? Did you play an instrument? You may want to include a visual.

Skill Description

When you wrote about your second grade memories, you included compound sentences, which are made up of two short sentences. Each of these sentence parts could be called an independent clause. An independent clause contains the essential elements of a sentence, a noun and verb. Independent clauses, like sentences, can stand-alone.

Dependent clauses **cannot** stand-alone. They are frequently found in longer sentences **set off by a comma**. A dependent clause can appear anywhere in a sentence but usually comes at the beginning or end.

Common Words Used to Begin Independent Clauses :

After, before, as, while, when

Because, since

Unless, if

Examples of Sentences Containing Dependent Clauses:

I will watch TV, **after** I finish the dishes.

Because I did not finish the dishes, I will not watch TV.

I will not be allowed to watch TV, **unless** I finish the dishes.

ME Book Rubric

Me	Teacher	Objective
		Properly used at least 3 dependent clauses. (3 pts)
		Proofread for spelling, grammar, and punctuation (2 pts)
		Content is appropriate
		Includes a title, border, and picture
		Includes your name on front and back
		Mounted on colored construction paper
		Handed in on time clipped to this assignment sheet
		Total Points