**Independent and Dependent Clauses**

1. Highlight the **independent clause**.

Since Mr. Wu had been sick all week and may still have been contagious, he stayed home from his family reunion on Saturday.

1. Highlight the **dependent clause**.

The council members did not amend the city ordinance against picnicking in the park until local citizens demanded changes to the law.

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Despite its frigid temperatures, Antarctica is classified as a desert because its average annual precipitation is less than ten inches.

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Although activist Susan B. Anthony fought diligently for women’s suffrage, women could not vote until more than a decade after her death.

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Before he became the thirty-ninth president, Jimmy Carter had been a naval lieutenant and a peanut farmer.

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Before President Theodore Roosevelt officially gave the White House its existing name in 1901, it was known by several names, including the Executive Mansion, the President’s House, and even the President’s Palace.