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Main or Subordinate Clause?

A. SORT THE CLAUSES

Directions: Read each clause. Write MC for Main Clause or SC for Subordinate Clause.

1. _____ The birds flew across the lake.
2. _____ because the wind was strong
3. _____ when the school day ended
4. _____ Noah cleaned his room.
5. _____ although the puzzle was difficult
6. _____ We visited the science museum.
7. _____ if you need some help
8. _____ Emma found her missing notebook.
9. _____ after the rain stopped
10. _____ The children laughed loudly.

B. EXPLAIN YOUR CHOICE

Directions: Decide whether each clause is a Main Clause or Subordinate Clause. Then give a short reason.

11. while the baby was sleeping

- Answer: _____
- Reason: _____

12. The chef prepared a delicious meal.

- Answer: _____
- Reason: _____

13. although the road was crowded

- Answer: _____
- Reason: _____

14. Marcus won the spelling contest.

- Answer: _____
- Reason: _____

C. FIND THE MAIN CLAUSE

Directions: Each pair contains one main clause and one subordinate clause. Circle the main clause.

1. because the library was closed / We went home

2. Lena wore a jacket / although the morning was warm

3. when the game ended / The players shook hands

4. Dad made breakfast / before everyone woke up

D. YOUR TURN

Directions: Write one main clause and one subordinate clause of your own.

Main Clause:

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Subordinate Clause:

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Can your two clauses be joined to make a complete sentence?

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