

Dependent and Independent Clauses

Is the underlined group of words a dependent clause or an independent clause?
Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. Hank Aaron learned how to play baseball when he was a young boy.
A dependent **B** independent
2. Hank Aaron played in a local softball league.
A dependent **B** independent
3. When he was fifteen, Aaron began playing baseball for a semi-professional team.
A dependent **B** independent
4. This was quite an accomplishment for a teenager!
A dependent **B** independent
5. At this time, it was uncommon for African Americans to play major league baseball.
A dependent **B** independent
6. Jackie Robinson was the first African American pro baseball player.
A dependent **B** independent
7. Because Robinson broke this barrier, it was easier for Aaron to get into the majors.
A dependent **B** independent
8. As his talents developed, major league teams became interested in him.
A dependent **B** independent
9. In 1954, Aaron played pro baseball for the Milwaukee Braves.
A dependent **B** independent
10. Hank Aaron broke many records as his major league career continued.
A dependent **B** independent
11. One important record was Babe Ruth's career home run record.
A dependent **B** independent
12. Aaron received death threats because he came close to breaking Ruth's record.
A dependent **B** independent
13. Some people were still not accepting of African American athletes.
A dependent **B** independent
14. In 1974, Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record anyway!
A dependent **B** independent
15. Because of Aaron's courage and the courage of others like him, African Americans and other minority groups are valued for their athletic contributions today.
A dependent **B** independent
16. In 1982, Hank Aaron became a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.
A dependent **B** independent
17. If you ever get the chance, you should visit the Baseball Hall of Fame.
A dependent **B** independent
18. That place is filled with interesting facts about baseball history.
A dependent **B** independent
19. When you visit, stop by the Hank Aaron exhibit.
A dependent **B** independent
20. You will see pictures of Hammerin' Hank and other collected items.
A dependent **B** independent