

## Complex Sentences

Is the underlined word or group of words in each sentence an independent clause, a dependent clause, or a subordinating conjunction? Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. While I was on vacation in Montana, I kept seeing some strange white boxes off the side of the road.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
2. When I asked my aunt about them, she explained that they are bee boxes.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
3. Although I try to learn new things all the time, I had never heard of “bee boxes.”  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
4. My aunt explained that many people keep bees as a hobby.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
5. Some people enjoy this hobby because they get fresh natural honey.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
6. Other people keep bees because they think it is a fun and interesting hobby.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
7. After my aunt explained this to me, I was astonished.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
8. I couldn't imagine purposefully going near a beehive since I am afraid of bees.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
9. I asked my aunt how she knew so much about beekeeping, and she explained that one of her friends is a beekeeper.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
10. I had always assumed that honey came from farms run by big honey companies.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
11. Although this might occur, people like my aunt keep bees and make their own honey.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
12. While most bees are kept in rural areas, some beekeepers do live in cities.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
13. Although bees have a bad reputation, they are usually dedicated to their tasks.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
14. As you may have learned in science class, the queen bee in a hive is responsible for reproduction.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
15. As their name suggests, worker bees do most of the hard work in a hive.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
16. While some worker bees tend to the hive, others travel from flower to flower to gather nectar.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
17. The bees turn this nectar into honey when they return to the hive.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause
18. Bees make honey so that the bees in the hive will have food.  
**A** ind. clause      **C** sub. conjunction  
**B** dep. clause