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- Sandy ate one hotdog, but Dan ate two.
- When Dave arrives, Sue will tell us.

Directions: Underline the independent clause or clauses in each sentence.

1. If you don't agree with Sammy, you need to tell him.
2. I love to sit on the beach and read because the sound of the water is soothing.
3. Because her dog was white and cream, my friend named her Buttermilk.
4. The kitten swatted at the feather and made us laugh.
5. If you want it, you need to buy it.
6. Many of my friends have their own blog, but my parents won't let me.
7. Buying a new car is very expensive.
8. When you arrive at the airport, you need to park in the long-term parking area.
9. Mary Lou thought she wanted to skydive, but she quickly changed her mind.
10. Although Henry is known for being dishonest, I think he is telling the truth.

11. Choose the sentence that has the independent clause underlined.

- Mary needs a ride to the mall since her car is in the shop.
- When we arrived at the store, Donnie decided to wait in the car.
- After we finish eating lunch, we are going to go visit Henry.

12. Chose the sentence that **does not** has the independent clause underlined.

- If you are planning to rent the skating rink, you need to call a month in advance.
- Mrs. Smiths didn't send us to detention after we explained our tardiness.
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