Complex Sentences

Directions: Read each sentence. Circle the dependent clause and underline the independent clause in each sentence.

1. After you examine the table on page 14, you will know the achievement scores of students in each discipline.

2. If U.S. students want to compete for these jobs, they will have to meet tough standards.

3. Even if students seem to be improving at school, they are not just competing with other U.S. students for employment opportunities.

4. Whether or not you believe it, standardized reading scores rise when the students are taught year-round.

5. If they succeed in the long run, they will be the ones who thank you the most.

6. If they do not, they will not master the increasingly complex skills needed in today’s job market.

7. Students in other countries are hard at work, while U.S. students fritter away their vacations.