Independent Clauses, Dependent Clauses, and Prepositional Phrases Practice

What is an independent clause?

What is a dependent clause?

What is a prepositional phrase?

Identify if each underlined phrase is an independent clause, dependent clause, a prepositional phrase, or none of the above. (Passage taken from an interview with Kathryn Stockett, the author of *The Help*)

I’m incredibly stubborn. 1)If it’s something I really want to do, I’m just going to push harder.

2)It can be really powerful to write something when you're sad. I've always felt that Aibileen had this really deep sadness that I would never understand, being a privileged, 3)spoilt little white girl. Maybe when 9/11 occurred and I was in downtown New York, maybe 4)that's the closest I'll ever be to understanding that sadness.

I didn't have to think about the dialect. It wasn't hard for me to get that musicality on the page 5)because I started writing the voice of Demetrie and she sounded exactly the way I wrote her. Later, that voice became the character 6)of Aibileen. At the same time, I was mortified that 7)I was doing the very thing I'd been taught not to do, which was to touch 8)on the issue of race, to 9)highlight the things that separate us. I'm still thinking I'm going to get into trouble. I'm still not comfortable 10)with what I've done. It's a strange thing. I ran through the woods since a monster was chasing me.

This book was written after 1990.

All the loud cats meow in the street.