

# Max's Maths-Puzzle Sentence Builder

*Learning objective: To identify and use subordinate clauses to expand sentences using subordinating conjunctions.*

Max the monkey has mixed up his sentence parts! A subordinate clause adds extra detail but cannot stand alone as a sentence. Your task is to match the 'Main Clause' with the correct 'Subordinate Clause' from the word bank to create a complex sentence. Remember to use a comma if the subordinate clause comes at the start of your sentence.

*Word bank: although he had already finished his homework · because he wanted to find the golden acorn · if the weather stays sunny and warm · while he balanced on the branch · after he had counted all his shiny pebbles*

**1. 1. Max climbed the ancient oak tree**

\_\_\_\_\_. (Use the word bank to complete the sentence.) (2 marks)

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**2. 2. \_\_\_\_\_, Max decided to practise his times tables. (Complete the sentence using the word bank.) (2 marks)**

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**3. 3. Max felt very proud \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 marks)**

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**4. 4. Max will visit the park \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 marks)**

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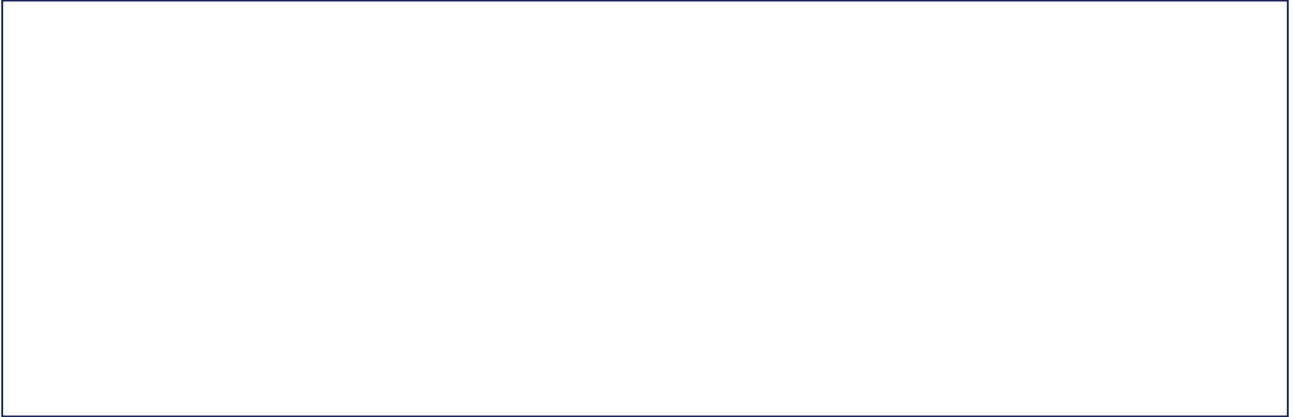
**5. 5. Explain why 'because he wanted to find the golden acorn' is a subordinate clause and not a complete sentence. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a tree, holding a notebook with maths equations in one hand and a golden acorn in the other.



*Extension challenge: Write two of your own complex sentences about a day out with Pip the caterpillar. Use the subordinating conjunctions 'unless', 'until', or 'since' to start your subordinate clauses.*