

Max's Magnificent Subordinate Clause Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and use subordinate clauses to extend sentences.

Max the monkey is busy solving maths puzzles, but he needs your help with his grammar! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember: a subordinate clause adds extra information but cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.A, 4.False, 5.Because, 6.True, 7.D, 8.Before, 9.B, 10.True.

Word bank: Subordinate clause · Main clause · Conjunction · Extra information · Sentence

1. 1. Which of these is a subordinate clause? A) Max ate a banana. B) The monkey jumped. C) although he was hungry. D) He felt happy. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A subordinate clause always makes sense on its own. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which word is a subordinating conjunction? A) If. B) And. C) But. D) Or. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: A subordinate clause must always be at the end of a sentence. (1 mark)

5. 5. Complete this sentence: 'Pip read her book _____ it was raining outside.' (Write one word) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: 'After the sun set' is an example of a subordinate clause. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which sentence uses a subordinate clause correctly? A) When the bell rang. B) Because it is cold. C) Ellie laughed, because the joke was funny. D) While she slept. (1 mark)

8. 8. Fill in the gap: '_____ Nova started her stargazing, she checked her telescope.' (1 mark)

9. 9. Identify the main clause in this sentence: 'Zara painted a portrait while she listened to music.' A) while she listened to music. B) Zara painted a portrait. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: A subordinate clause usually starts with a subordinating conjunction. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a tree, holding a sign that says 'I love grammar' while a subordinate clause floats in a speech bubble next to him.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about an adventure with Leo the lion. In your paragraph, include at least two sentences that contain a subordinate clause starting with the words 'although' or 'since'.