

Max's Maths Puzzle Adventure: Mastering Subordinate Clauses

Learning objective: To identify and use subordinate clauses to add extra detail to sentences, ensuring they are correctly linked to main clauses.

Max the monkey has scrambled his sentences! A subordinate clause adds extra information but cannot stand alone as a sentence. Your task is to match the main clauses in the left column with the correct subordinate clauses in the right column to build complete, complex sentences. Use the subordinating conjunctions provided to help you link them together.

Word bank: although · because · since · which · while · if · whenever

1. Match the main clause 'Max finished his maths puzzle' with a suitable subordinate clause and rewrite it as one sentence using a conjunction. (2 marks)

2. Match the main clause 'The stars shone brightly' with a suitable subordinate clause and rewrite it as one sentence using a conjunction. (2 marks)

3. Match the main clause 'Pip the caterpillar read his book' with a suitable subordinate clause and rewrite it as one sentence using a conjunction. (2 marks)

4. Explain why a subordinate clause cannot be a sentence on its own. (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about Ellie the elephant that includes a main clause and a subordinate clause starting with 'although'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a tree solving a puzzle, and include a speech bubble where he uses a sentence with a subordinate clause.



Extension challenge: Choose one of your sentences from the task and try moving the subordinate clause to the beginning of the sentence. Remember to use a comma if the subordinate clause comes first!