

Adventure Diary: Tracking Subordinate Clauses

Learning objective: To identify and use subordinate clauses to add extra detail to sentences.

Join Max the monkey on his jungle trek! Use this diary template to record the day's events. To earn your explorer's badge, you must include at least one subordinate clause in every entry. Remember, a subordinate clause needs a subordinating conjunction (like although, because, since, unless, or while) to start it and cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Word bank: although · because · since · while · unless · whenever · wherever · before · after

1. The Morning Start: Describe how Max began his day. Start your sentence with a subordinate clause using a conjunction from the word bank. (2 marks)

2. The Unexpected Obstacle: Describe a challenge Max faced in the jungle. Include a subordinate clause in the middle of your sentence using commas to separate it. (2 marks)

3. The Clever Solution: Explain how Max solved the problem. Write two sentences, where one contains a subordinate clause that explains 'why' or 'when'. (2 marks)

4. The Evening Reflection: How does Max feel now that the sun is setting? Use a subordinate clause to add detail about his feelings. (2 marks)

5. Grammar Check: Look back at your diary. Underline the subordinating conjunctions you used and circle the subordinate clauses. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a new jungle discovery. Challenge yourself to use a multi-clause sentence where the subordinate clause comes before the main clause, followed by a comma.