

Max the Maths Monkey's Sentence Building

Learning objective: To understand and use subordinate clauses to add extra information to a sentence.

Max the Monkey is building sentences. A main clause makes sense on its own. A subordinate clause adds extra detail but cannot stand alone. It usually starts with words like 'because', 'although', 'if', or 'while'. Match the main clause to the correct subordinate clause by drawing a line. Then, write the full sentence in the boxes below.

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

1. 1. Max ate a banana (main clause) + ... (subordinate clause). Choose a match: [because he was hungry] or [the sun was bright]. (2 marks)

2. 2. Pip read a long book (main clause) + ... (subordinate clause). Choose a match: [while it rained outside] or [the book is red]. (2 marks)

3. 3. Nova went stargazing (main clause) + ... (subordinate clause). Choose a match: [if the sky was clear] or [she likes feathers]. (2 marks)

4. 4. Zara painted a picture (main clause) + ... (subordinate clause). Choose a match: [although she was tired] or [the paint is wet]. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey eating a banana while sitting in a tall, leafy tree.



Extension challenge: Can you write your own sentence about Ellie the Elephant using the word 'because' to add a subordinate clause at the end?