

Year 4 English Assessment: Super Sentences

Learning objective: To identify and use subordinate clauses to add detail to our writing.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you get stuck. Write your answers clearly on the lines provided.

Max the monkey loves to solve puzzles. He works hard while the sun shines. Although he is small, he is very clever. He eats a banana because he is hungry.

Word bank: subordinate clause · main clause · because · although · while · which

1. Look at the passage. Find one sentence that has a subordinate clause. Write it below. (2 marks)

2. Circle the subordinate clause in this sentence: 'Pip read his book because he loved stories.' (2 marks)

3. Add a subordinate clause to this main clause: 'The lion roared...' (Hint: Use the word 'when'). (3 marks)

4. Match the word to its job: 'Although' helps us show a contrast. 'Because' helps us show a reason. Explain why we use these words in a sentence. (4 marks)

5. Write a short story (3-4 sentences) about Zara the zebra going to the park. You must include one subordinate clause in your writing. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey solving a maths puzzle under a tree. Label the 'main clause' and the 'subordinate clause' in a speech bubble above his head.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Can you write a sentence that starts with a subordinate clause? Example: 'Before the rain started, Nova flew home.'