

Subordinate Clauses: Flashcard Fun with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand that a subordinate clause adds extra information but does not make sense on its own.

Max the Monkey loves to solve puzzles! Read the front of the card to see the sentence part. Flip it over to see if it is a main clause or a subordinate clause. Use the word bank if you get stuck.

Max ate a banana.

Main clause (It makes sense on its own).

Because he was hungry.

Subordinate clause (It does not make sense alone).

The sun was shining.

Main clause (It makes sense on its own).

Although it was cold.

Subordinate clause (It does not make sense alone).

Pip read a book.

Main clause (It makes sense on its own).

While she sat in the tree.

Subordinate clause (It does not make sense alone).

Nova flew high.

Main clause (It makes sense on its own).

Until the moon appeared.

Subordinate clause (It does not make sense alone).

Ellie walked to the pond.

Main clause (It makes sense on its own).

If she had time.

Subordinate clause (It does not make sense alone).

What does a subordinate clause provide?

It provides extra information to the sentence.

Can a subordinate clause stand alone?

No, it needs a main clause to make sense.