

Mastering Subordinate Clauses with Max the Mathematician

Unlock the Secrets of Sentences: Add More Detail to Your Writing!

- **What is a main clause?** It is a group of words that makes sense on its own and contains both a subject and a verb.
- **Why do we use subordinate clauses?** They provide essential extra information about time, reason, or location, making your writing more descriptive.
- **What is a subordinating conjunction?** These are special connecting words such as 'since', 'if', 'until', or 'unless' that begin a subordinate clause.
- **Where can a subordinate clause go?** It can be placed at the beginning of a sentence (followed by a comma) or at the end of a sentence.
- **What happens if a subordinate clause is left alone?** It becomes a 'sentence fragment' because it expresses an incomplete thought.

Did you know? Did you know? A subordinate clause is like a puzzle piece that cannot stand alone. Just like Max the monkey needs his tree to climb, a subordinate clause needs a main clause to make complete sense! When you add a subordinating conjunction—like 'although', 'because', or 'while'—you turn a simple sentence into an exciting, complex one.

Key vocabulary: Subordinate clause · Main clause · Subordinating conjunction · Complex sentence · Relative pronoun · Punctuation