

Mastering Subordinate Clauses with Pip the Bookworm

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

Read the front of the flashcard to test your knowledge. Flip to check if you have correctly identified or explained the grammatical term. Use these to help Pip the Bookworm improve his sentence variety!

What is a subordinate clause?

A part of a sentence that adds extra information but does not make sense on its own.

Does a subordinate clause make sense if it stands alone?

No, it is a dependent clause and needs a main clause to be a complete sentence.

What is a subordinating conjunction?

A word used to join a subordinate clause to a main clause, such as 'although', 'because', 'while', or 'since'.

Identify the subordinate clause in this sentence: 'Pip read his book while the sun set.'

'while the sun set'

True or False: A complex sentence contains at least one main clause and at least one subordinate clause.

True.

Complete the sentence with a subordinate clause: 'The lion roared loudly...'

(Example) '...because he was feeling very hungry.'

Where should a comma usually go if a subordinate clause starts the sentence?

After the subordinate clause, before the main clause starts.

What is a relative clause?

A type of subordinate clause that starts with a relative pronoun like 'who', 'which', or 'that'.

Identify the subordinate clause in this sentence: 'Because it was raining, Zara stayed inside to paint.'

'Because it was raining'

Can you move a subordinate clause to different parts of a sentence?

Yes, subordinate clauses can often be placed at the beginning or the end of a sentence.

What does 'dependent' mean in terms of clauses?

It means the clause relies on another part of the sentence to provide a complete thought.

Rewrite this sentence to include a subordinate clause: 'Max ate a banana.'

(Example) 'Although he was full, Max ate a banana.'