

Mastering Subordinate Clauses with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and use subordinate clauses to add extra information to sentences.

Read each task carefully. Remember that a subordinate clause adds information to a main clause but does not make sense on its own. Use the word bank for help with conjunctions.

Max the Monkey loves solving maths puzzles. He often adds extra information to his sentences using subordinate clauses to make them more interesting. For example: 'Max solved the sum, although it was very tricky.'

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

1. Underline the subordinate clause in this sentence: 'Finn the dolphin swam through the deep ocean while the sun began to set.' (1 mark)

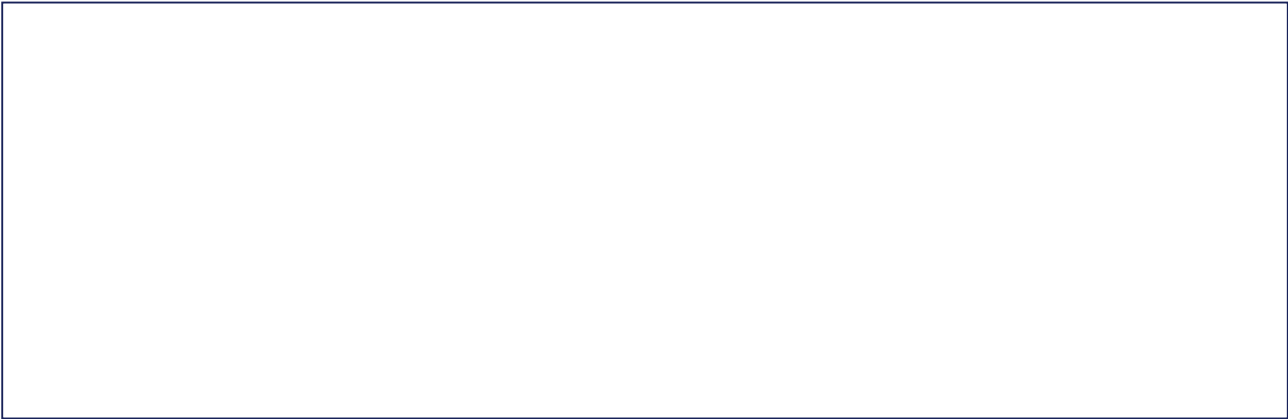
2. Add a subordinate clause to the following main clause: 'Nova the owl looked through her telescope...' (2 marks)

3. Join these two sentences together using one of the conjunctions from the word bank: 'Pip the caterpillar read a new book. She finished it very quickly.' (2 marks)

4. Explain why the group of words 'because Zara the zebra loves art' is not a complete sentence. (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about Ellie the elephant that begins with a subordinate clause. Remember to use a comma correctly. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey solving a giant maths equation on a chalkboard while his friends watch from a tree.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a day out with Leo the Lion, ensuring that every sentence contains at least one subordinate clause.