

Adventures with Max: Mastering Subordinate Clauses

Learning objective: To use subordinate clauses to add extra detail and complexity to sentences.

Max the monkey is planning a jungle puzzle trail. Help him describe the scene by adding a subordinate clause to each of your sentences. Remember that a subordinate clause gives extra information but cannot stand alone as a sentence. Use the word bank to help you start your clauses.

Max swung through the dense canopy, which was filled with the sounds of chirping birds.

Word bank: although · because · since · which · while · where · if · even though

1. Describe the jungle weather using a sentence that starts with a subordinate clause. (e.g., 'Although the sun was bright, ...') (2 marks)

2. Explain why Max enjoys solving puzzles. Use a subordinate clause containing the word 'because'. (2 marks)

3. Describe a hidden treasure box Max found. Use a subordinate clause starting with 'which'. (2 marks)

4. Write a sentence about what the other animals were doing while Max was busy. Use the word 'while'. (2 marks)

5. Max feels proud of his work. Write a final sentence about his feelings using 'even though'. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try writing a short paragraph about a mystery in the jungle. Can you include at least two sentences that begin with a subordinate clause and one sentence where the subordinate clause is in the middle?