

Year 6 English Assessment: Mastering Conjunctions

Learning objective: To identify, classify, and apply coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to improve sentence structure and cohesion.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your sentences are punctuated correctly and use a range of conjunctions where requested. Good luck!

Max the monkey was busy calculating the number of bananas in the crate. He worked quickly because he wanted to finish before the sun went down. Pip the caterpillar watched from a leaf; meanwhile, he was busy noting down new adjectives to describe the forest. Although the task was difficult, Max did not give up. If he finished early, he would have time to play with his friends.

Word bank: although · because · meanwhile · so · however · despite · unless · yet · furthermore

1. Identify one coordinating conjunction used in the passage above. (1 mark)

2. Identify one subordinating conjunction used in the passage above. (1 mark)

3. Circle the conjunction in this sentence: 'Leo the lion roared, yet the forest remained perfectly still.' Explain what type of conjunction this is. (2 marks)

4. Join these two sentences using a subordinating conjunction: 'Nova looked through her telescope. The clouds began to clear.' (2 marks)

5. Rewrite the following sentences as one complex sentence using a fronted conjunction: 'Finn swam to the coral reef. He wanted to map the hidden caves.' (3 marks)

6. Explain the difference between a coordinating conjunction and a subordinating conjunction. Give one example of each in your explanation. (4 marks)

7. Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) describing an adventure with Zara the zebra. You must include at least two coordinating conjunctions and two subordinating conjunctions. Underline the conjunctions you have used. (5 marks)

8. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate conjunction: 'Bea the bee collected nectar all morning _____ she was preparing for the hive's winter festival.' (2 marks)

9. Create a sentence using the conjunction 'although' that describes a character shopping for supplies at a cost of £15.50. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Pip the caterpillar and Kit the fox are working together on a _____ puzzle; label the conjunctions you might use to describe their teamwork (e.g., 'and', 'but', 'while').



Extension challenge: Total: /25