

Max the Monkey's Jungle Expedition: A Subordinate Clause Diary

Learning objective: To use subordinate clauses to add detail and complexity to sentences in a diary entry.

Max needs your help to finish his jungle diary! Use subordinate clauses—starting with subordinating conjunctions like 'although', 'because', 'while', 'since', or 'if'—to add extra information to your sentences. Remember, a subordinate clause needs to be attached to a main clause to make sense.

Word bank: although · because · while · since · if · unless · whenever · whereas · as

1. The Morning Start: Describe how Max woke up in the canopy. Include a subordinate clause explaining why or how. (2 marks)

2. The Fruit Hunt: Explain what Max found to eat. Include a subordinate clause beginning with 'although' to contrast his search. (2 marks)

3. A Sudden Discovery: Describe an exciting moment in the jungle. Use a subordinate clause starting with 'while' or 'as' to show two things happening at once. (2 marks)

4. The Mathematical Puzzle: Max found a strange pattern on a leaf. Explain why he was curious about it, using a subordinate clause starting with 'since'. (2 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: Explain why using a subordinate clause makes your writing more interesting than using simple sentences. Justify your answer with an example. (3 marks)

6. What might happen if Max moved his subordinate clause to the front of his sentence? Rewrite one of your earlier sentences this way and explain the effect on the reader. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a short paragraph about Max's evening routine. You must include at least three complex sentences, each using a different subordinating conjunction from the word bank. Ensure your punctuation is precise, particularly when the subordinate clause comes before the main clause.