Mastering Subordinate Clauses with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To use subordinate clauses to add detail, complexity, and flow to a piece of descriptive writing.

Kit the Fox is planning a great adventure through the woods. Use the subordinate clauses in your sentences to add extra information about the time, place, or reason for his journey. Remember to use a comma if your subordinate clause comes at the start of the sentence!

Kit the Fox tightened his backpack straps, his ears twitching as the wind rustled through the ancient oak trees.

Word bank: although · because · since · unless · while · whenever · even though · as soon as · despite the fact that

1. Describe the setting of the forest using a subordinate clause starting with 'Although'. For example: Although the shadows were stretching, Kit felt quite brave. (2 marks)

2. Write a sentence explaining why Kit is carrying a map, using a subordinate clause beginning with 'because'. (2 marks)

3. Describe Kit spotting a mysterious object. Use a subordinate clause starting with 'While' to show what he was doing at the time. (2 marks)

4. Write a sentence about how the weather changes, starting with 'As soon as'. (2 marks)

5. Finish your story by writing about Kit's feelings at the end of his day, using the connective 'even though'. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to rewrite one of your answers so that the subordinate clause moves to the other end of the sentence. Remember to check if you still need your comma!