

I have kept all the usual activities so that you have a varied selection of activities available to you. As I know that some days are trickier than others, please select the activities that you believe take priority and I must stress, you don't have to complete every task. Your children's happiness and wellbeing are the most important aspects during these unprecedented times. Just complete work that you think is manageable and send it to me when it's convenient for you. There is no need to do this daily. If it is more efficient and convenient to combine days and send completed learning as a set, then feel free to do so. It has to work for you and your family.

P.E. Joe Wicks live on YouTube (The Body Coach TV).

Maths. <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-4/> Week 10 - There are 4 lessons available.

Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/>

Activity 6: BBC Bitesize. This will give you a comprehensive range of subjects and activities to choose from. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> •

Handwriting activities. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-handwriting/>

Reading. [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) [https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/forhome/find-a-book/librarypage/?view=image&query=&type=book&age\\_group=Age+5-6&level=&level\\_select=&book\\_type=&series=](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/forhome/find-a-book/librarypage/?view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=Age+5-6&level=&level_select=&book_type=&series=)

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

### 1. Read a story.

- Read *Ananse and the Pot of Wisdom*.
- How would you describe the character of Ananse? Can you make up three sentences to describe him? Do you think what happened to him was fair? Why?

### 2. Summarise the story

- Use words and pictures to put the story on *Story Summary*.
- Try using your summary to help you tell the story to somebody else.

### 3. Practise using conjunctions

- Use the *PowerPoint 1* or *Revision Card* to remind yourself about verbs, verb phrases, clauses and conjunctions.
- Complete *Multi Clause Sentences 1*.
- Challenge yourself to complete *Multi Clause Sentences 2*.

*Well done. Share your sentences with a grown-up, who can check that they make sense.*

### Try the Fun-Time Extras

- Watch some more stories about Ananse. He appears in lots of stories.

Try these to begin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D25eKPWa-j0>

<https://vimeo.com/4076703>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zG9eknk6mqw&list=PLcGi2MP6SEQ2O6J803Vj2k0K8Gid-euMW>

Which is your favourite? Why?

## Ananse and the Pot of Wisdom

Ananse is a very special spider, well known for his wit and wisdom. He lives, like other spiders, in corners and on ceilings. Everybody knew that Ananse was wise, for he boasted loud and clear. In his high-pitched voice he laughed at fools and spoke louder than everyone else.

One very sunny day, Sky God called Ananse up to the skies to have a chat. Sky God said in a quiet voice, "Could you do some work for me? Go about the earth and collect all wisdom for me. When you have brought it up to me, I will name you the Sage of All Time."



Ananse hid a smile. "That's easy, sir," he said. "I will be back in three days with the wisdom of the world."

Now, Ananse, as selfish as he was, had already travelled the length and breadth of the earth and collected every shred of wisdom. He kept it all in a giant pot in his secret hiding place.

The next day he started out to take the pot full of wisdom to Sky God way up in the skies. It was a huge pot and very heavy. As Ananse tugged it behind him, he was more than filled with pride. To get up to the skies where Sky God lived, you had to climb a tall coconut tree that grew beyond the clouds right up into the heavens. Ananse strapped the pot tightly to his back and made his way slowly up the tree

A great crowd was gathered below, waving and cheering him on. He pressed on, never mind his aching muscles. He had an appointment in heaven, and he was going to make it there.

Below, the crowd let out a cheer. It was a great moment for Ananse and, as pride filled his chest, he raised all his arms in a victory wave.

It was a shocking moment when he plummeted down to earth. He hit the ground with a bang and the pot broke in a million pieces. Wisdom scattered left and right, to the very ends of the earth. Ananse lay there in a heap, sobbing his heart out. Now everyone and every fool had a little bit of wisdom. He could not claim that all wisdom was his alone.

Then Sky God whispered in his ear, "I gave you eight arms, Ananse. If you really had all wisdom, you would not have waved them all."

*Adapted from The Pot of Wisdom by Adowa Badoe*



## Story Summary


# Revision Card – Clauses and Conjunctions

## Verbs

A **verb** indicates what someone or something is **doing, feeling or being**.

He **climbs**.  
The spider **is** crafty.  
The villagers **despair**.  
I **saw** him!



## Verb Phrases

A **verb phrase** can be a *single verb* or a string of verbs.

The other animals **think** he is tricky.  
He **has had** all sorts of adventures.  
He **has been causing** problems for everyone.



## Clauses

**Clauses** are groups of words with a **verb phrase** and a **subject**.

**Anase** **lives** in a village.  
**He** **looks** like a spider.  
**The other animals** **think** he is tricky.  
**He** **has had** all sorts of adventures.



## Conjunctions

**Conjunctions** are words that join **clauses** into sentences.

CLAUSE                      CONJUNCTION                      CLAUSE  
He is extremely unusual    because    he is a spider man.



## Multi-Clause Sentences 1

- Choose two of the clauses below.
- Join these with a conjunction.
- Write out your sentence.
- Remember to include capital letters and full stops!

Repeat five times!

because	while	after	before	so
since	when	until	where	as

**Ananse has eight legs.**

**He is a spider.**

**The Sky God called for Ananse.**

**Sky God had a job for him.**

**Ananse was confident.**

**He had collected all the wisdom.**

**He had travelled around the world.**

**He strapped the pot to his back.**

**He climbed the tree.**

**The pot fell to the ground.**

## Multi-Clause Sentences 2

*Add a second clause to these clauses. Choose a conjunction and make up another clause. Write out your new sentence. Don't forget that the conjunction you use might be able to go at the start of the sentence.*

*Challenge: Can you add a third clause to any of your sentences?*

### ***First clauses***

**Ananse is a spider**

**Ananse loves to be cunning**

**Ananse is very well-known**

**The Sky God had a job for Ananse**

**Ananse was very confident**

**Ananse had already gathered all wisdom**

**He strapped the pot on his back**

**He climbed to meet the Sky-God**

**The crowd watched him**

**He started to celebrate**

### ***Conjunctions***

because	while	wherever	after	before	so
since	when	whenever	until	where	as

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

### 1. Read an Ananse Story

- Read [Why Pig Has a Short Snout](#).
- How does it compare to the other Ananse story you read? What is similar? What is different? Which do you prefer? Why?

### 2. Make a summary of the story

- Use words and pictures to make a summary of the story on [Story Summary](#).
- Try using your summary to help you to tell the story to somebody else.

### 3. Learn about conjunctions for time, place and cause.

- Use the [PowerPoint 2](#) or [Revision Card](#) to learn about using conjunctions for time, place and cause.
- Complete [Conjunctions for Time, Place and Cause 1 and 2](#).

Share your answers with a grown-up. They can check the answers to part 1 at the end of this pack and you can read them your sentences for part 2 to check that they make sense.

### Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Can you make an illustration for either of the stories about Ananse that you have read?
- Can you design an Ananse character? How would you show his characteristics in your design?
- Can you write sentences about yourself, using conjunctions to join clauses?

## Why Pig Has a Short Snout

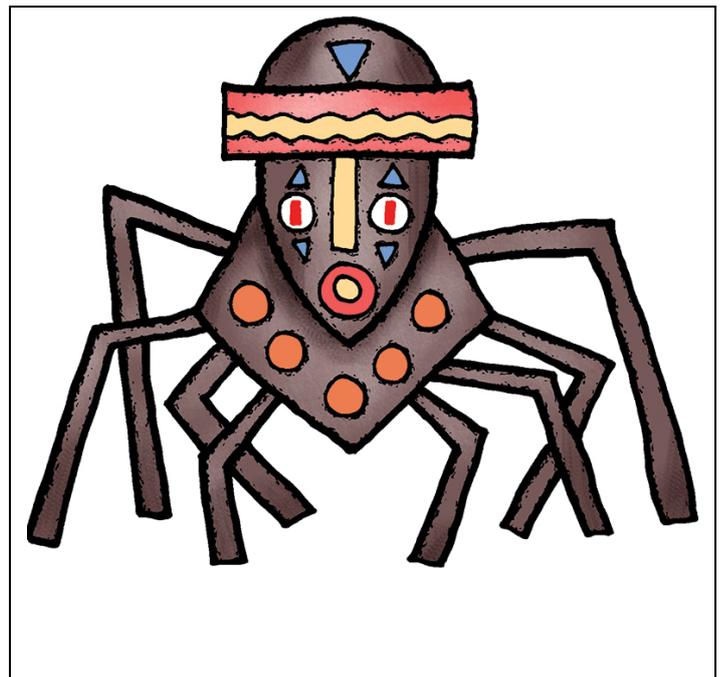
It used to be, not so very long ago, that the pig had a trunk as long as the elephant's. And so proud was he of his great trunk! With it he could suck up water for his very own shower, and he could water the plants in his herb garden. He could snort and blow a scary tune, and he could curl his trunk around and tie it in knots.

In those days, Pig was also a money lender. His success was due to the fact that no one ever made off with his money. With his trunk he would sniff and find the culprit and drag him from his hiding place. Pig was very proud of his useful trunk.

Now, Ananse borrowed some money from Pig to pay for his son's marriage. And because Ananse liked to keep up appearances, he had borrowed a lot to show his worth.

A month passed by, and it was time to pay back Pig. But Ananse, it seemed, had forgotten his debt. "Here I come," said Pig, "with my long trunk to seek and find."

But when he got to Ananse's house, Ananse pleaded for another week.



"You had better have my money," threatened Pig. "Or else you shall have the thrashing of your life." Then he waved his trunk in the air and went off to collect from someone else.

The next week Pig returned. "My money, Ananse. I want my money.

"Now you have startled me," said Ananse, looking down a long bamboo pole. "See, I have dropped your money down my bamboo pole. Now I have to think how to get it out!"

"I'll get it," replied Pig. And so Pig reached deep into the hollow bamboo pole. Pig strained and pushed. When he realized his trunk could go no farther, he tried to pull it out. But he couldn't. He was stuck. He moved his head this way and that, but he was stuck. He wiggled and rolled and banged his head, but he was stuck.

Ananse had gone to hide in his web, and none of the other creatures was willing to help. Finally, with one big shake of Pig's head, the bamboo pole fell off, alas with his trunk. And it never grew back. As for Ananse, he did not pay back Pig, and Pig never bothered him again.

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## Story Summary


## Revision Card

### Conjunctions for time

Conjunctions help us express **time**, **place** and **cause**.

He dropped the pot... **while** he was climbing. When?

He dropped the pot... **after** he had almost reached the top. When?

He dropped the pot... **when** he started to show off. When?



### Conjunctions for place

Conjunctions help us express **time**, **place** and **cause**.

The pot broke... **where** it hit the ground. Where?

The pot broke... **where** it fell. Where?

The pot broke... **where** the people had been cheering. Where?

**Wherever** is useful for more general statements.

You find mess **wherever** you have a puppy.

I like to take photos **wherever** I go.

Toddlers leave sticky fingerprints **wherever** they play.



### Conjunctions

Conjunctions help us express **time**, **place** and **cause**.

Ananse was ashamed...**because** he had not succeeded. Why?

Ananse was ashamed...**as** he had been so foolish. Why?

Ananse was ashamed...**since** everyone had seen him fail. Why?



### Conjunctions

**Conjunctions** are words that join **clauses** into sentences.

Cause

**because**

**as**

**so**

**since**

Time

**after**

**before**

**when**

**since**

**until**

**as**

**while**

Place

**where**

**wherever**

## Conjunctions for Time, Place And Cause (1)

*Read these sentences, mark the conjunction and write whether it has been used to express time, place or cause.*

1. The pig was proud of his trunk because it was so useful.
2. After he had his trunk stuck, it was never the same again.
3. Pig used his trunk in the garden where he watered his plants with it.
4. Pig was a successful money-lender as no-one could escape him.
5. Before he borrowed the money, Ananse determined not to pay it back.
6. Wherever Pig looked, Ananse hid from him.
7. Ananse thought of a trick so he would not have to repay Pig.
8. When Pig came looking, Ananse pretended the money had fallen into a bamboo pole.
9. Now wherever Pig goes, no-one admires his nose.
10. Pig never bothered Ananse again since he was so upset with him.

## Conjunctions for Time, Place And Cause (2)

*Write second clauses to join to these clauses.*

*Mark the conjunction you have used and write whether it expresses cause, time or place. (Why, When or Where)*

*Remember that your conjunction might go at the start of your sentence.*

1. The pig's nose had been useful
2. He was proud of his trunk
3. Pig was a money-lender
4. He used his nose to find debtors
5. Ananse borrowed money
6. Ananse did not pay his money
7. Ananse thought of a trick
8. Pig reached his nose into the pole
9. Pig's nose was stuck
10. Pig lost his much-loved trunk

## Conjunctions for Time, Place And Cause (1)

### ANSWERS

1. The pig was proud of his trunk **because** it was so useful.  
**CAUSE**
2. **After** he had his trunk stuck, it was never the same again.  
**TIME**
3. Pig used his trunk in the garden **where** he watered his plants with it. **PLACE**
4. Pig was a successful money-lender **as** no-one could escape him. **CAUSE**
5. **Before** he borrowed the money, Ananse determined not to pay it back. **TIME**
6. **Wherever** Pig looked, Ananse hid from him. **PLACE**
7. Ananse thought of a trick **so** he would not have to repay Pig. **CAUSE**
8. **When** Pig came looking, Ananse pretended the money had fallen into a bamboo pole. **TIME**
9. Now, **wherever** Pig goes, no-one admires his nose. **PLACE**
10. Pig never bothered Ananse again **since** he was so upset with him. **CAUSE**