

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**.

Ananse **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

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since	when	whenever	until	where	as