

Max the Monkey's Market Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use a range of subordinating and coordinating conjunctions in sentences.

Read the story about Max's trip to the market, then answer the questions below. Remember to look for words that join parts of a sentence together.

Max the monkey was very excited because it was market day. He had exactly £5.00 in his pocket to spend on fresh fruit for his friends. Max walked through the busy stalls while humming a happy tune. He wanted to buy some shiny red apples, but they cost £2.50, which felt a bit expensive. He decided to look for a better deal. Although he was feeling quite hungry, Max waited until he found a basket of bananas for only £1.20. He felt very clever, so he treated himself to a small bag of nuts with his leftover money. Max knew he could not buy more treats unless he saved his pennies carefully.

Word bank: although · because · since · unless · while · but · so

1. Find and copy two subordinating conjunctions used in the story. (2 marks)

2. Why did Max feel excited in the first sentence? Use the conjunction 'because' in your answer. (2 marks)

3. Look at the sentence: 'Max wanted to buy some shiny red apples, but they cost £2.50'. What is the coordinating conjunction in this sentence? (1 mark)

4. Max bought bananas for £1.20 and nuts for £0.80. How much did he spend in total? Write a sentence using the conjunction 'so' to explain his spending. (3 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about shopping at a market using the subordinating conjunction 'although'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market stall holding his basket of bananas and nuts. Add labels to your drawing using conjunctions to describe the scene, for example: 'Max is happy because he found a bargain.'



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a different shopping trip. You must include at least one coordinating conjunction (and, but, or) and one subordinating conjunction (if, when, because, although) in your writing.