

Conjunctions with Max the Maths Monkey

Learning objective: To use a range of conjunctions to link clauses and sentences effectively.

Read the information below about conjunctions. Then, complete the questions to help Max the Monkey organise his collection of shapes and numbers.

Max the monkey loves to sort his objects. He keeps his shiny pebbles in a blue box because they are very special. Max likes to count his pebbles while he eats a banana. He will not stop sorting until he has finished his task. Although he is tired, Max is happy because his collection is finally organised. He could put them in a pile, or he could line them up in a pattern.

Word bank: because · although · since · while · unless · until · if · whereas · so · but · or · yet

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

2. Max wants to buy new storage boxes for £4.50. He has £2.00. Use the conjunction 'but' to write a sentence explaining why he cannot buy them yet. (2 marks)

3. Combine these two sentences into one using the conjunction 'although': 'Max is a small monkey. He is very good at solving difficult maths puzzles.' (2 marks)

4. Why did the author use the conjunction 'because' in the first sentence of the passage? (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about Max using the conjunction 'unless'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting in his treehouse with his collection of shiny pebbles, and label the two different groups of items using a sentence that includes the conjunction 'whereas'.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about your favourite hobby. Challenge yourself to include at least three different conjunctions from the word bank to make your sentences flow better.