

Max's Maths Market Adventure

Learning objective: To use a range of conjunctions (including coordinating and subordinating) to join clauses and sentences.

Read the story about Max the monkey below. Then, answer the questions to show how well you can use conjunctions to connect your ideas.

Max the monkey was excited because it was the day of the annual Forest Market. He had saved up £5.00 to spend on fresh fruit. Max walked to the stall, but he stopped when he saw a display of shiny apples. He wanted to buy a bag of grapes, yet he only had enough money for one item. Max decided to choose the apples because they looked crisp and sweet. While he waited in the queue, he counted his coins carefully. He felt happy, so he did a little dance. Although he had spent all his money, he felt like the luckiest monkey in the forest.

Word bank: because · although · while · but · so · since · yet · if

1. Find two coordinating conjunctions used in the story. Write them down. (2 marks)

2. Why did Max choose the apples instead of the grapes? Use the word 'because' in your answer. (2 marks)

3. Complete this sentence using a subordinating conjunction: Max felt happy _____ he had bought his favourite snack. (1 mark)

4. Write a sentence using the conjunction 'although' to describe how Max felt about spending all his money. (2 marks)

5. Combine these two sentences into one using the conjunction 'so': Max was hungry. He bought a banana. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max at the market stall looking at his coins. In a speech bubble, write one sentence about what he is buying, using a conjunction of your choice.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about what happens next at the market. You must include at least one coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, yet, so) and one subordinating conjunction (because, while, although, if, since).