

Mastering Conjunctions with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use a range of conjunctions (including but, or, so, because, when, if, that) to join clauses and sentences together.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of conjunctions to link ideas, explain reasons, or provide choices. Remember to use your best handwriting!

Max the monkey is busy solving maths puzzles in the jungle. He needs your help to join his ideas together using the correct words from the bank.

Word bank: but · or · so · because · when · if · that

1. Max wanted to climb the tall tree, _____ it started to rain. (Circle the best conjunction and write it in the space). (1 mark)

2. Max likes to count bananas, _____ he also likes to count coconuts. Which conjunction would show he likes both? Write a full sentence using it. (2 marks)

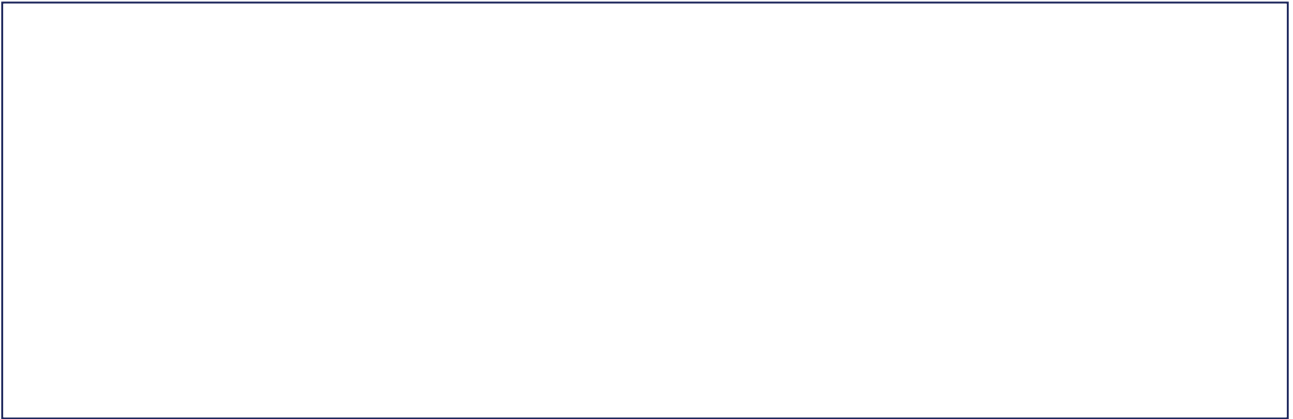
3. Max is happy _____ he has solved the puzzle. Which conjunction explains the reason for his happiness? (1 mark)

4. Complete this sentence: You can choose to wear a red hat _____ you can choose to wear a blue hat. (1 mark)

5. Write your own sentence about an animal using the conjunction 'because'. (2 marks)

6. Explain why we use conjunctions in our writing. Why are they helpful for a reader? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding two different puzzles. Add a speech bubble coming from Max using a sentence with the conjunction 'so'.



Extension challenge: Can you write a short story of three sentences about a trip to the shop? You must use a different conjunction in every sentence (e.g., one sentence with 'but', one with 'because', and one with 'when').