

Max's Magnificent Market Maths

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

Read the passage carefully. Identify the conjunctions used to connect ideas, then answer the questions below.

Max the monkey was feeling incredibly organised as he set up his fruit stall at the forest market. He carefully arranged his golden bananas because he wanted them to look appealing to his customers. Pip the caterpillar arrived early, so they decided to sort the prices together. Max insisted that every fruit must be priced accurately, or the maths would become terribly confusing. While Pip sorted the apples, Max calculated the total cost of a basket. He knew that if he sold ten pears for £5.00, he would have enough coins to buy a new notebook. Max felt cheerful, yet he remained focused on his task. Suddenly, a gentle breeze rustled the leaves, but the stall stayed perfectly tidy. Although the sun was beginning to set, Max continued his work until every item was priced. He believed that hard work was rewarding, for it allowed him to help his friends. Finally, the stall was complete, and Max felt proud of his achievement. He realised that using conjunctions helped him explain his plans clearly to anyone who stopped by to chat.

Word bank: conjunction · coordinating · subordinating · connective · clause · sentence

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

2. How much does Max plan to charge for ten pears, and what does he intend to buy with the money? (2 marks)

3. Why might Max feel that using conjunctions is important for his work at the market? (2 marks)

4. Explain how the mood of the passage changes from the beginning to the end. Refer to the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

5. Max says, 'Hard work is rewarding.' Do you agree with this statement? Justify your opinion using an example from your own life or school experience. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar standing behind a colourful market stall. Include a sign showing the price of fruit in Australian dollars and cents.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a new stall at the market. You must include at least four different conjunctions (such as 'although', 'because', 'while', and 'yet') to explain what is being sold and why it is special.