

Conjunctions Quest with Max the Monkey

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

Max the Monkey is busy solving maths puzzles in the jungle, but he needs your help with his grammar! Read the questions carefully and complete the challenges to help Max finish his work.

Answer Key: 1. A (and); 2. True; 3. because; 4. B (although); 5. False; 6. so; 7. while; 8. unless; 9. B (or); 10. True. Greater Depth Explanation: Coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS) join two equal independent clauses, whereas subordinating conjunctions introduce a dependent clause that relies on the main clause for meaning.

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

1. 1. Max picked up a banana A) and B) if he peeled it. Which conjunction completes the sentence? (A: and, B: if, C: because, D: while) (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'But' is a coordinating conjunction used to show contrast. (1 mark)

3. 3. Max felt happy _____ he solved the tricky equation. (Fill in the blank with a subordinating conjunction). (1 mark)

4. 4. Which sentence uses a subordinating conjunction correctly? A) Max ran fast and he was tired. B) Max ran fast although he was tired. C) Max ran fast but he was tired. D) Max ran fast or he was tired. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: You can only use conjunctions at the beginning of a sentence. (1 mark)

6. 6. The puzzle was difficult, _____ Max decided to try again. (Choose a suitable coordinating conjunction). (1 mark)

7. 7. Max studied his map _____ he climbed the ancient tree. (Fill in the blank). (1 mark)

8. 8. You cannot solve the puzzle _____ you find the hidden clue. (Fill in the blank). (1 mark)

9. 9. Pick the coordinating conjunction: A) although, B) or, C) since, D) unless. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: A subordinating conjunction connects a main clause to a subordinate clause. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey sitting under a baobab tree, holding a scroll with a long sentence written on it that uses the conjunction 'although'.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why a coordinating conjunction is different from a subordinating conjunction. 2. Compare and contrast the use of 'and' versus 'so' in a sentence. 3. Justify your answer: Does changing the conjunction change the meaning of a sentence? Give an example. 4. What might happen to the flow of a story if an author never used conjunctions? 5. Construct a complex sentence using the conjunction 'unless'. 6. Rewrite the following two simple sentences into one complex sentence using a subordinating conjunction: 'The sun set over the jungle. Max climbed down from the tree.'