

Max's Market Maths: Using Conjunctions

Learning objective: To use co-ordinating conjunctions (or, and, but) to join words and clauses.

Read the story about Max the monkey at the market. Then, answer the questions to help Max finish his shopping list using the correct joining words.

Max the monkey was very busy at the local market today. He wanted to buy some fruit for a picnic. He saw a pile of bright red apples and a bunch of yellow bananas. Max had £2 in his pocket. He wanted to buy a juicy mango, but he did not have enough money left. He wondered if he should buy a small bag of nuts or a sweet pear. Max decided to pick the pear because it was his favourite snack.

Word bank: and · or · but

1. Max saw apples ____ bananas at the market. Which word from the word bank completes the sentence? (1 mark)

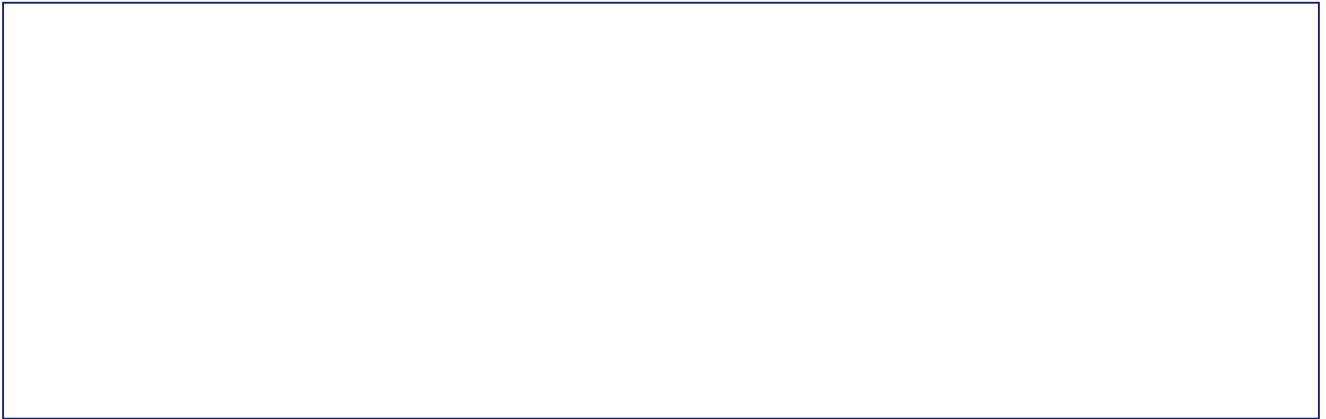
2. Why did Max use the word 'but' when talking about the mango? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

3. Max could buy nuts ____ a pear. Which conjunction shows that he had a choice between two things? (1 mark)

4. Write your own sentence using the word 'and' to describe what you would like to have for a picnic. (2 marks)

5. Max had £2. If a pear costs 50p, how much money would he have left? Show your working. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market holding a pear in one hand and an apple in the other.



Extension challenge: Can you write a short story about a trip to the shops? Try to use at least one 'and', one 'but', and one 'or' to join your sentences together.