Max’s Magnificent Market Maths

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Remember to look for words that join ideas together.

Max the monkey arrived at the busy village market because he wanted to buy fresh fruit for his friends. He spotted a stall full of golden bananas and shiny red apples. Max felt hungry, so he carefully counted his coins. He had £2.50 in his pocket, which was enough to buy a large bunch of bananas. Max chose the bananas because they were his favourite snack. He walked to the stall owner, but he stopped when he saw a beautiful display of oranges. He wondered if he should buy oranges instead of bananas. Max thought for a moment while he looked at the prices. He decided that he would stick with his first choice. Max paid the shopkeeper £1.80 for the bananas. He felt very proud because he had managed his money wisely. Although the market was very noisy, Max felt calm. He skipped home to share his treat with Pip and Zara, who were waiting patiently for him. Max knew that sharing made the fruit taste much sweeter, and he was happy to have such kind friends to enjoy the afternoon with.

Word bank: conjunction · clause · and · but · or · because · while · although

1. Why did Max go to the market, and how much money did he have at the start? (2 marks)

2. Which conjunction is used in the text to show why Max chose the bananas? (1 mark)

3. Why might Max have felt hesitant when he looked at the oranges? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'managed his money wisely' suggest about Max's character? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max made the right choice by buying the bananas? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the fruit stall. Include the labels 'bananas', 'apples', and 'oranges' in your drawing.

Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own about a trip to the shops. In each sentence, include a different conjunction from the word bank to join two ideas together.