

Max's Market Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use subordinate clauses to add detail to sentences.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Remember that a subordinate clause adds extra information but cannot stand alone as a complete sentence.

Max the monkey visited the local market to buy ingredients for a fruity smoothie. Because he was feeling particularly hungry, Max decided to purchase a crate of mangoes. He spotted a stallholder, who was wearing a bright yellow apron, and asked for the price. The mangoes cost £4.50, which Max thought was a very fair price indeed. Although he had only brought a small bag, he carefully balanced the fruit on his head. As he walked home, he hummed a cheerful tune. Max knew that he would need to be careful, as the fruit was quite heavy. When he finally reached his tree, he began to chop the mangoes into cubes. He was very pleased with his successful shopping trip. Even though the journey had been long, Max felt proud of his hard work. He sat down and enjoyed his refreshing treat while he watched the sun begin to set over the horizon. It had been a wonderful day for a clever little monkey who loved his maths and his fruit.

Word bank: subordinate · conjunction · relative clause · complex sentence · information

1. Find and copy two subordinate clauses from the text that start with the word 'although'. (2 marks)

2. How much did the crate of mangoes cost at the market? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Max had to be 'careful' on his way home from the market? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'balanced the fruit on his head' suggest about Max's physical abilities? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max was a sensible shopper? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey walking home from the market with a crate of mangoes balanced carefully on his head, using the landscape to show a sunset.



Extension challenge: Write three of your own sentences about your favourite fruit. Each sentence must include a subordinate clause starting with 'because', 'although', or 'while'.