

Max's Magnificent Conjunction Challenge

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

Max the monkey is organising his collection of maths puzzles, but he needs to link his sentences together to explain how they work. Choose the most appropriate conjunction from the word bank to complete each sentence. You must use a different conjunction for each sentence.

Word bank: although · because · while · so · unless · since · yet

1. 1. Max finished the difficult multiplication puzzle _____ he had been practising his times tables all morning. (1 mark)

2. 2. The logic game looked very simple at first glance, _____ it was actually quite tricky to solve. (1 mark)

3. 3. You cannot unlock the treasure chest _____ you solve the riddle on the lid. (1 mark)

4. 4. Pip the caterpillar read a book _____ Max calculated the total cost of the supplies in pounds and pence. (1 mark)

5. 5. Max wanted to buy a new protractor for £2.50, _____ he saved his pocket money for three weeks. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting at a desk surrounded by maths puzzles, with a thought bubble showing a complex equation he is trying to solve.

Extension challenge: Choose two of the conjunctions you didn't use in the activity. Write two original sentences about an adventure that Leo the lion and his friends go on, making sure to use a comma correctly if the subordinating conjunction comes at the start of your sentence.