

Max's Market Adventure

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

Read the story about Max the monkey's trip to the market, then answer the questions below to test your understanding of how conjunctions connect ideas.

Max the monkey arrived at the bustling town market because he wanted to buy fresh fruit for his friends. He spotted a stall overflowing with golden bananas and sweet mangoes. Max felt hungry, yet he decided to check the prices first. He looked at the price tags carefully, for he wanted to make sure he had enough pocket money. Although the bananas were cheap, the mangoes cost £2.50 each. Max took out his coin purse and counted his change. He could buy a bunch of bananas, or he could choose one perfect mango. He thought for a moment while the sun warmed his fur. If he chose the bananas, he could share them with Pip and Nova. If he bought the mango, he would have to eat it alone. Max smiled because he loved being generous. He handed over his coins, since he had finally made his decision. He bought the bananas so that everyone could enjoy a healthy snack together. As he walked home, he felt proud of his clever maths and his kind choice.

Word bank: conjunctions · coordinating · subordinating · connectives · clauses

1. Why did Max go to the market? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

2. List two coordinating conjunctions used in the text. (2 marks)

3. Why was Max hesitant to buy the mangoes? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'the sun warmed his fur' suggest about the weather at the market? (2 marks)

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

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market stall, showing the bananas and the mangoes. Add speech bubbles for Max using a subordinating conjunction, such as 'I will choose bananas because...'



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own about a shopping trip using the following conjunctions: 'although', 'whenever', and 'so that'.