

Max and the Market Trip

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

Read the story carefully. A subordinate clause adds extra information to a sentence. It does not make sense on its own. Look for words like 'because', 'when', or 'although' to help you find them. Use the word bank if you need help.

Max the monkey went to the local market on Saturday. He had £5 to spend. Max felt excited because he wanted to buy fresh fruit. He walked past the apple stall. When he saw the shiny red apples, he stopped to look. Although he loved apples, he decided to buy a bunch of yellow bananas instead. They cost £2. Max felt happy because he had enough money left for a treat. He met his friend Pip the caterpillar near the gate. Pip was reading a tiny book. When the sun began to set, they walked home together. Max felt very proud that he had managed his money well. He enjoyed the busy market day. Even though he was tired, Max planned to go again next week. He loves finding new maths puzzles in the world around him.

Word bank: Subordinate clause · Main clause · Information · Because · When · Although

1. How much money did Max have to spend at the market? (2 marks)

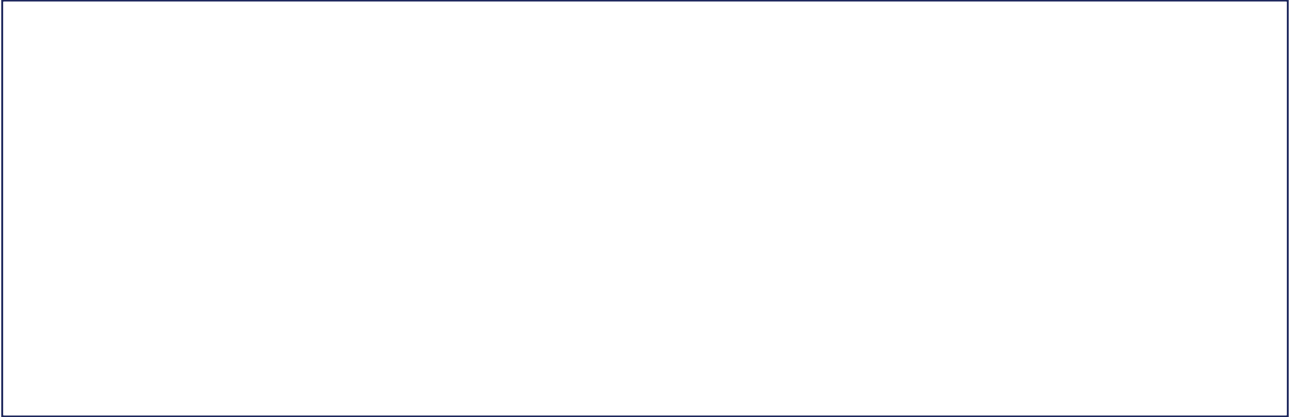
2. Which fruit did Max decide to buy? (2 marks)

3. Why did Max stop at the apple stall? (2 marks)

4. How do you know Max enjoyed his day at the market? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is good at saving his money? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market holding a bunch of bananas. Add a speech bubble for Max saying something about his fruit.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about yourself using a subordinate clause. You could start with 'Because I like...' or 'When I go to the shop...'