

Grade 1 ELA Assessment: Conjunctions with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify, use, and apply coordinating and subordinating conjunctions in sentences.

Read the questions carefully and use the word bank to help you complete your sentences. Remember to check your punctuation.

Max the monkey is very busy today. Max loves to climb tall trees, but he is also learning how to bake cakes. He needs to mix the flour and the sugar together. He must be careful because the bowl is very heavy. If he drops the bowl, he will have to start again. Max can bake a chocolate cake or a lemon cake for his friends.

Word bank: and · or · but · so · because · if · when

1. Look at the passage. Find and copy one sentence that uses the conjunction 'but'. (2 marks)

2. Circle the conjunction in this sentence: 'Max wanted to play, so he finished his math homework quickly.' (1 mark)

3. Join these two sentences together using the word 'and': 'Max ate a banana. Max drank some cool water.' (2 marks)

4. Complete this sentence using a conjunction from the word bank: 'I will go to the park _____ it stops raining.' (2 marks)

5. Why do we use the conjunction 'because'? Explain your answer in a full sentence. (3 marks)

6. Max is planning a party. Write three sentences about his party. You must use a different conjunction in each sentence (e.g., 'or', 'so', 'when'). (5 marks)

7. Rewrite this sentence to make it more interesting by adding a conjunction: 'The sun is shining. We are going to the beach.' (5 marks)

8. Max has £5.00. He spends £2.50 on flour and £1.50 on sugar. Write a sentence using 'because' to explain how much money he has left. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey baking in his kitchen. In a speech bubble, write a sentence using the conjunction 'because' to describe what he is making.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you write a short story of 4 sentences about a trip to the moon with Nova the owl, using at least three different conjunctions?