

Max's Busy Market Morning

Learning objective: To identify and use conjunctions (and, but, so, because) to join words and clauses.

Read the story about Max the monkey. Use your best handwriting to answer the questions below.

Max the monkey went to the local market today because he wanted to buy fruit for his friends. He picked up a shiny red apple and a bunch of yellow bananas. Max had £5 in his pocket, but he had to be very careful with his spending. He saw a delicious strawberry tart, so he checked the price tag. It cost £2. Max felt happy because he had enough money to buy the tart for his friends. He walked to the stall, and he held his coins tightly in his hand. The market was very busy, but Max did not mind. He was excited to share his treats with Pip and Nova. Max bought the fruit and the tart. He felt proud because he had solved his math puzzle for the day. He hopped home, and he sang a happy song. Max knew that sharing with friends was the best part of his morning. He was tired, so he sat down to read a book with Pip.

Word bank: conjunction · because · and · but · so · joining

1. Why did Max go to the market? (2 marks)

2. What two things did Max buy at the start of his trip? (2 marks)

3. How do you think Max felt when he saw the price of the strawberry tart? Why? (2 marks)

4. Why was Max able to buy the tart even though he had to be careful with his money? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good friend? Explain why using a reason from the story. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market holding his shopping basket filled with fruit and a strawberry tart.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own about a trip to the shops. Try to use the word 'because' or 'but' to join your ideas together.