

Max's Magnificent Math Market

Learning objective: To identify and use nouns, adjectives, and conjunctions within a short narrative text.

Read the story about Max the monkey below. Use the information to answer the questions that follow, making sure to use full sentences.

Max the monkey was feeling very excited because today was the day of the annual Forest Market. Max loved to organize his stall with precision. He carefully arranged his shiny, golden bananas and his perfectly round, purple plums. 'I need to label these,' Max chattered to himself. He grabbed his trusty notebook and wrote a clear sign. He decided to use a conjunction to make his writing more interesting. 'These bananas are tasty, but these plums are even sweeter!' he wrote with a flourish. Pip the caterpillar crawled over to look at the display. Pip admired how Max had used a describing word for each fruit. 'Your grammar is excellent, Max!' Pip cheered. Max beamed with pride as he sold his first basket for £3.50. He enjoyed the challenge of helping customers find the right total. The market was bustling with noise and laughter, and Max felt certain that this was the best day of the year. He knew that with a bit of hard work and a few clever words, he could solve any puzzle that came his way.

Word bank: adjective · noun · conjunction · sentence · grammar

1. What two types of fruit did Max sell at his market stall? (2 marks)

2. How much did Max sell his first basket of fruit for? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Pip the caterpillar told Max that his grammar was excellent? (2 marks)

4. How does Max feel about his work at the market? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good shopkeeper? Explain your reason using your own opinion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing behind his stall at the Forest Market. Make sure to include the fruit he is selling and the sign he wrote for his customers.



Extension challenge: Find the conjunction in the passage that Max used on his sign. Can you write a new sentence about the market using a different conjunction, such as 'because', 'so', or 'if'?