

Max's Magnificent Maths Market

Learning objective: To identify and use a range of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to link clauses effectively.

Read the passage carefully. Pay close attention to the words that join sentences together. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Max the monkey stood behind his stall at the community market. He was selling hand-crafted wooden puzzles, and he had carefully priced each one at £4.50. Max felt nervous because it was his first time running a stall alone. Although the morning began quietly, a crowd soon gathered to admire his clever designs. Max knew that he could explain the maths behind the puzzles if someone asked. He watched as a young girl approached, so he straightened his apron and prepared his best smile. 'Would you like to try this shape puzzle?' Max asked politely. The girl nodded, but she hesitated before touching the polished wood. Max explained that the puzzle was tricky, yet it was very rewarding once completed. If she bought it today, he would include a free instruction guide. The girl smiled and reached for her purse to pay the £4.50. Max felt proud because he had successfully shared his love for numbers. He realised that even though he was just a small monkey, he could make a big difference in his community.

Word bank: conjunction · subordinating · coordinating · clause · link · connective

1. Identify two coordinating conjunctions used in the first paragraph of the passage. (2 marks)

2. How much did Max charge for each of his wooden puzzles? (1 mark)

3. Why was Max feeling nervous at the beginning of the market day? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'the girl hesitated before touching the polished wood' suggest about her feelings? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good salesperson? Justify your opinion using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing proudly behind his market stall, with wooden puzzles neatly arranged on the table and a price tag that clearly says £4.50.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a time you tried something new. Use at least three different subordinating conjunctions (such as although, because, since, or if) to join your ideas together.