

Max the Maths Monkey's Conjunction Challenge

Learning objective: To identify, use, and distinguish between coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to join clauses within a sentence.

Help Max the monkey connect his ideas! Read each question carefully and choose the best way to link the sentences together. Remember: coordinating conjunctions link two equal clauses, while subordinating conjunctions add extra detail.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. B, 3. True, 4. False, 5. because, 6. C, 7. D, 8. True, 9. unless, 10. B.

Word bank: although · because · but · so · while · unless · yet · since

1. 1. Which of these is a coordinating conjunction? A) but * B) because C) although D) while (1 mark)

2. 2. Max wanted to buy a banana, ____ he had no money. A) if B) yet * C) unless D) after (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: A subordinating conjunction often comes at the start of a subordinate clause. (True/False) (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: The word 'because' is a coordinating conjunction. (True/False) (1 mark)

5. 5. Fill in the blank: Ellie the elephant remembered the path home _____ she had visited the forest before. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which sentence uses a conjunction correctly? A) Max ate a mango although he was hungry. B) Max ate a mango so he was hungry. C) Max ate a mango because he was hungry. * D) Max ate a mango unless he was hungry. (1 mark)

7. 7. Choose the conjunction that indicates a choice: A) and B) so C) because D) or * (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: You can use a comma before a coordinating conjunction when it joins two independent clauses. (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the blank: You cannot solve the maths puzzle _____ you show your working out. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which word is NOT a conjunction? A) although B) beautiful * C) since D) whereas (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a giant banana with two speech bubbles. In the first bubble, write a sentence using 'but'. In the second bubble, write a sentence using 'although'.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about an adventure with Pip the caterpillar. Use at least two coordinating conjunctions and two subordinating conjunctions in your story.