

Max's Smart Spending Adventure

Learning objective: To understand the difference between needs and wants and how to make responsible choices with pocket money.

Max the monkey is planning to visit the local market. Help him organise his shopping list by drawing his stall and labelling his items. Use the word bank to help you describe your choices.

Draw: Draw a market stall scene for Max the monkey. In the centre, draw Max holding a small purse. On his stall, draw three items he needs (like a healthy snack or school supplies) and two items he wants (like a fun game or a colourful sticker). Use clear, neat lines and add labels next to each item using the word bank provided. You may colour your drawing to show which items look the most exciting!



Label words: Needs · Wants · Budget · Pounds · Pence · Saving · Essential · Choice

Steps:

1. If Max has £5.00 and buys a healthy piece of fruit for 50p, how much money does he have left to save or spend on other things?
2. Explain the difference between a 'need' (something you must have to live healthily) and a 'want' (something you would like but don't strictly need).
3. Label your drawing to show which items are 'Needs' and which are 'Wants'.

4. Why is it important to check the price of an item before you decide to buy it?
5. If Max wants to buy a toy that costs £7.00 but he only has £5.00, what is a sensible plan he could make?