

Max the Monkey's Market Maths Mystery

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying and sequencing logical steps in a narrative and applying information to solve a word problem.

Max the Monkey has been to the local market to buy ingredients for his jungle fruit salad. Read the story carefully (which your teacher will provide), then complete the sorting activity below to show the correct order of Max's morning. Finally, use the information provided to solve the maths challenge about his spending.

Word bank: trolley · ingredients · receipt · total · sequence · chronological · calculate · market

1. Number these events from 1 to 5 to show the correct order of Max's trip to the market: (a) Max checks the price of the bananas. (b) Max walks home with his heavy bag. (c) Max says hello to the stall holder. (d) Max pays £4.50 for the fruit. (e) Max writes a list of what he needs. (5 marks)

2. Max bought mangoes for £2.20 and pineapples for £3.80. If he paid with a £10 note, how much change did he receive? Show your working out. (3 marks)

3. Why did Max decide to bring a reusable bag to the market instead of using a plastic one? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one adjective from the story that describes how Max felt when he saw the colourful fruit stall. (1 mark)

5. If Max wanted to buy a third item that cost £1.50, would he have enough money left from his original £10 note? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey carrying his basket of fruit. Make sure you include at least three different types of fruit and show a happy expression on Max's face.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Max. Write a diary entry of 50 words describing your favourite part of the market trip and why you think healthy eating is important.