

Max the Monkey's Market Maths Mystery

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying facts, interpreting character feelings, and inferring meaning from a short narrative.

Read the story below carefully, then answer the 10 questions that follow. Good luck!

The village market was bustling. Max the monkey hopped from one wooden stall to the next, clutching his shopping list. He was looking for fresh fruit for his fruit salad. He spotted a basket of shimmering red apples priced at £2.50. 'That is a fair price,' Max thought, counting his coins. Nearby, a grumpy badger sat behind a pile of carrots. The badger grumbled about the chilly morning breeze, but he still sold Max a bunch of carrots for 80p. Max felt happy. He had saved enough money to buy a bag of crunchy nuts for £1.20. By the time he finished, he had spent exactly £4.50. He skipped home, feeling very proud of his successful morning at the market.

Word bank: stall · shimmering · hectic · bargain · grumbled · generous

1. 1. What is Max trying to buy at the market? (A) Vegetables (B) Fruit (C) Fruit and vegetables* (D) Toys (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Max bought the carrots from a friendly rabbit. (False) (1 mark)

3. 3. How much did the apples cost? (A) £2.00 (B) £2.50* (C) £0.80 (D) £4.50 (1 mark)

4. 4. What word does the text use to describe the apples? (Shimmering) (1 mark)

5. 5. Why was the badger grumpy? (A) He lost his keys (B) He was hungry (C) The weather was chilly* (D) Max was noisy (1 mark)

6. 6. How much did the crunchy nuts cost? (£1.20) (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Max felt proud of his shopping. (True) (1 mark)

8. 8. What was the total amount of money Max spent? (£4.50) (1 mark)

9. 9. Which word best describes the market? (A) Quiet (B) Bustling* (C) Empty (D) Scary (1 mark)

10. 10. What is Max planning to make with the fruit? (Fruit salad) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey carrying his paper bags full of market shopping, looking very pleased with himself.



Extension challenge: Imagine Max met Ellie the elephant at the market. Write three sentences describing what Ellie might want to buy and why.