

Max's Magnificent Market Maths

Learning objective: To identify and use adverbs to modify verbs and enhance descriptive writing.

Read the passage carefully. Look for words that describe how actions are performed. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Max the monkey stood at the bustling village market. He looked eagerly at the piles of golden bananas and shiny red apples. Today, Max was helping the shopkeeper calculate the costs of the fresh fruit. He picked up a notepad and began to write numbers carefully. Max worked swiftly, making sure every calculation was correct. When a customer arrived, Max greeted them politely and waited patiently for them to decide on their purchase. He adjusted his glasses and checked the totals accurately. The sun shone brightly above the colourful stalls, reflecting off the shiny produce. Max enjoyed solving these puzzles because he knew that mathematics was the secret language of the world. As the afternoon drifted by, Max tidied the display shelves neatly, ensuring everything looked perfect for the next visitor. He knew that by working tidily and thinking logically, he could solve any problem the market threw his way. Max felt proud that his morning had been both productive and successful.

Word bank: cautiously · eagerly · accurately · swiftly · patiently · brightly

1. Find two adverbs from the text that describe how Max performed his tasks. (2 marks)

2. What was Max doing at the village market? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max greeted the customers 'politely'? (3 marks)

4. What might happen if Max did not calculate the costs 'accurately'? (3 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a helpful character? Justify your answer using evidence from the text. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing at a market stall with a notepad, surrounded by colourful fruit. Add speech bubbles showing him using adverbs to describe his hard work.



Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) describing a day in the life of another character, such as Pip the caterpillar or Nova the owl. You must include at least four different adverbs to describe their actions and explain why using adverbs makes your writing more vivid for the reader.