

Max's Magnificent Market Maths: Nouns and Verbs

Learning objective: To identify and classify nouns and verbs within a narrative context, and to demonstrate understanding of how these word classes function in sentences.

Read the story below about Max the monkey visiting the market. Look closely at the underlined words. Complete the questions to test your knowledge of how nouns and verbs build a story.

Max the monkey arrived at the bustling village market. He looked at the colourful fruit stall. Max carefully counts his shiny gold coins. He wants to buy a bunch of yellow bananas for his friends. Max calculates the total cost of the fruit. Suddenly, he starts juggling three apples to entertain the crowd. He finishes by swinging from a nearby branch, feeling very happy with his healthy snack.

Word bank: Market · Juggling · Bananas · Calculates · Coins · Swinging · Stall · Counts

1. Identify three common nouns from the passage and explain why they are categorised as nouns. (3 marks)

2. Find two verbs in the passage that describe Max's physical actions. How do these verbs help the reader visualise the scene? (2 marks)

3. Max says, 'The market is busy.' Change the verb 'is' to a more descriptive verb and justify why your new choice makes the sentence more interesting. (3 marks)

4. Compare the nouns 'Max' and 'market'. Why is 'Max' a proper noun while 'market' is a common noun? (2 marks)

5. What might happen to the story if you replaced all the verbs with nouns? Explain why sentences need verbs to make sense. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Max at the market. Label three nouns (e.g., basket, fruit, monkey) and write one sentence below your drawing that includes a verb showing what Max is doing.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph of 4-5 sentences about a different BookFlik character visiting the same market. Underline all the nouns in blue and all the verbs in red. Challenge yourself to use at least two ambitious verbs (e.g., 'scampered', 'examined', 'pondered') instead of simple ones.