

Max's Magnificent Maths-Word Mystery

Learning objective: To identify and correct common homophones and spelling errors within the context of Year 4 vocabulary and mathematical terminology.

Max the monkey has been busy calculating costs for a school project, but he has become muddled with his spelling! Read the sentences below. Each one contains one incorrectly spelt word or a misused homophone. Your task is to identify the error, circle it, and write the correct spelling in the space provided. Remember to check if the word is a homophone (e.g., there, their, they're) or a spelling mistake.

Word bank: there · their · they're · where · wear · piece · peace · allowed · aloud · accept · except · through · threw

1. 1. Max decided that the total price was fair, but he couldn't find the receipt over their on the desk. (2 marks)

2. 2. 'I wonder,' pondered Max, 'weather I should buy the blue paint or the green paint for our mural?' (2 marks)

3. 3. The shopkeeper said that we are not aloud to touch the delicate display items while we calculate the total. (2 marks)

4. 4. After checking the accounts, Max realised he had a small peace of paper missing from his folder. (2 marks)

5. 5. Everyone came to the maths club, accept for Leo, who was busy writing his latest poem in the library. (2 marks)

6. 6. Max threw the ball of string through the hoop to measure the circumference, but he missed the target. (2 marks)

7. 7. Explain why 'there', 'their', and 'they're' are considered homophones and how you can justify which one to use in a sentence. (4 marks)

8. 8. What might happen if a scientist or a mathematician used the wrong homophone in an important report? Justify your answer. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing next to a chalkboard filled with tricky words. Show him looking puzzled but holding a pencil, ready to solve the spelling mystery!



Extension challenge: Choose three pairs of homophones from the word bank. Write a short, creative paragraph about an adventure Max and Pip have at the market, using all six words correctly in context to demonstrate your mastery of their definitions.