

Max's Punctuation Puzzle: The Market Stall Mystery

Learning objective: To accurately use and place commas, apostrophes for possession, and inverted commas in direct speech.

Max the monkey is helping at the local market, but he has forgotten his punctuation! Read each sentence below. Some are missing commas, some need apostrophes for possession, and others need inverted commas for speech. Add the missing punctuation marks to the sentences to make them correct.

Word bank: comma · apostrophe · inverted commas · possession · direct speech · list · pause

1. Max bought three apples two bananas and a pear for £2.50. (Add the missing commas) (2 marks)

2. That is the farmers best basket of strawberries, said Max. (Add inverted commas and an apostrophe) (3 marks)

3. The monkeys tail twitched as he counted the coins. (Add an apostrophe for possession) (1 mark)

4. Ellie asked, Can you help me carry these heavy bags? (Add inverted commas) (2 marks)

5. The market stall was colorful noisy and very busy. (Add the missing commas) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max at the market stall with his basket of fruit. Label three items on his stall using a list with commas in your description.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own about a shopping trip with Pip the caterpillar. Include one sentence with a list (using commas) and one sentence that includes direct speech (using inverted commas).