

Max's Math Market: Speech Marks Challenge

Learning objective: To correctly use inverted commas (speech marks) to punctuate direct speech in Grade 3 writing.

Max the monkey is running a fruit market. Read the sentences below and complete them by adding the missing speech marks and correct punctuation (commas and full stops/question marks). Remember: the speech goes inside the marks, and the punctuation stays inside too!

Word bank: inverted commas · direct speech · speaker · punctuation · comma · capital letter

1. Max shouted How much for these bananas? (Add speech marks and a question mark.) (2 marks)

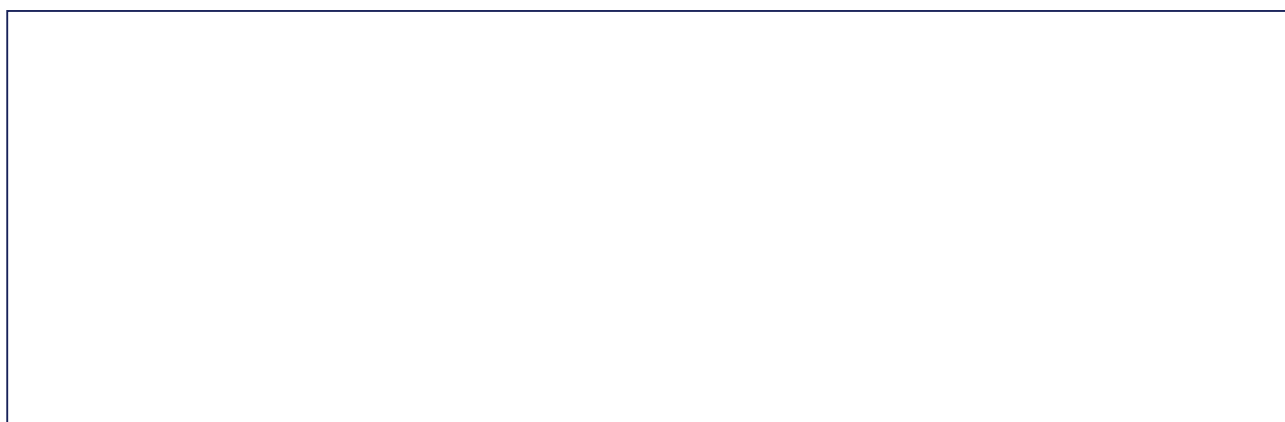
2. Pip said I would like to buy three apples. (Add speech marks and a comma after said.) (2 marks)

3. That will be two pounds fifty, replied Max. (Add speech marks and a comma before the closing marks.) (2 marks)

4. Zara asked Are these oranges fresh? (Add speech marks and a question mark.) (2 marks)

5. Ellie whispered I have enough coins to pay for my snack. (Add speech marks and a full stop inside the closing marks.) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey behind a market stall selling fruit. Include a speech bubble above his head and write a sentence inside it using speech marks to show what he is saying to a customer.



Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue (3-4 lines) between Nova the owl and Kit the fox as they visit Max's market. Make sure you use a new line for every new speaker and remember your inverted commas!