Max’s Magnificent Market Trip

Learning objective: To identify and use adjectives to describe nouns and enhance writing.

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions. Make sure to use evidence from the text where required.

Max the monkey decided to visit the local market to buy ingredients for a fruity salad. He bounced along the dusty path, his long, bushy tail twitching with excitement. At the first stall, he spotted a mountain of shiny, red apples that looked crisp and delicious. He chose three of them for £1.50. Next, he found a crate of soft, golden peaches. Their fuzzy skin felt ticklish against his fingertips. Max carefully placed them into his woven basket. He also bought a bunch of bumpy, green limes that smelled sharp and zesty. Finally, he visited the bakery stall for a crusty, warm loaf of bread. As he walked home, the sun shone brightly in the clear, blue sky. Max felt very pleased with his fresh, tasty haul. He couldn't wait to share his healthy feast with his friends, Pip and Nova. The market was a wonderful place full of bright colours and interesting smells. Max smiled, knowing that his simple lunch was going to be a marvellous treat for everyone to enjoy today.

Word bank: adjective · noun · describe · vivid · appearance · texture

1. Find two adjectives in the text used to describe the apples. (2 marks)

2. How much did Max pay for the three apples? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the peaches felt 'ticklish' to Max? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'bumpy, green limes' tell you about the fruit? (2 marks)

5. If you were going to the market, which piece of fruit would you buy and why? Use an adjective in your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey carrying his woven basket filled with the fruit he bought at the market. Try to show the different textures of the fruit, like the fuzzy peaches or bumpy limes.

Extension challenge: Choose three objects in your classroom. Write a sentence for each one, using two different adjectives to describe them.