

Max's Magnificent Maths Market

Learning objective: To identify and use adverbs to modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs, understanding how they add detail and precision to writing.

Read the passage below carefully. Answer the questions in full sentences, ensuring you look for the adverbs that describe how, when, or where actions are taking place.

Max the monkey was busily preparing for the school summer fair. He wanted his stall to be absolutely perfect. He meticulously organised his jars of marbles, placing them in rows of five. 'This will be a brilliant challenge,' he whispered quietly to himself. Max had priced his items very reasonably; no toy cost more than £2.00. Suddenly, Pip the caterpillar arrived. Pip crawled slowly across the table to inspect the labels. 'You have worked incredibly hard today, Max,' Pip remarked. Max smiled brightly and handed Pip a wooden puzzle. He watched excitedly as Pip began to solve it. The fair was soon buzzing with activity. Max greeted every customer warmly, making sure everyone felt welcome. He handled the money gingerly, counting the coins twice to ensure he was accurate. By the end of the afternoon, Max felt thoroughly exhausted but exceptionally proud of his successful day. He had learnt that if you plan tasks methodically, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

Word bank: precisely · enthusiastically · carefully · quickly · extremely · patiently

1. Find two adverbs in the text that describe how Max interacted with his customers or his work. (2 marks)

2. What was the maximum price of an item at Max's stall? (1 mark)

3. Why might Max have counted the coins twice during the fair? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, how does Pip feel about Max's preparation for the fair? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good shopkeeper? Use evidence from the text to justify your opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Max the monkey at his market stall, showing at least two different items for sale with price tags under £2.00, and include Pip the caterpillar nearby.



Extension challenge: Choose three adverbs from the passage and write your own sentences using them to describe a different character, such as Nova the owl or Zara the zebra, performing a task.