

Max's Magnificent Market Maths

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to enhance descriptive writing.

Read the passage carefully, paying close attention to the descriptive phrases and the way sentences begin. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Max the monkey stood at the bustling village market, ready to calculate the cost of his fruit feast. With a flick of his tail, he adjusted his wooden abacus. Carefully, he counted the shiny, red apples piled high on the stall. The market square was a riot of colour and noise. Bravely, Max approached the farmer to ask the price of a crate of bananas. 'That will be £4.50,' the farmer chirped. Max scribbled the total onto his notepad. Beyond the crowded stalls, the scent of fresh honey wafted through the air. He noticed a golden, buzzing bee landing on a crate of plums. Excitedly, Max calculated the remaining coins in his satchel. He had £2.00 left, which was not enough for the extra plums. Undeterred, he decided to save his money for a future visit. As the golden sun began to set, Max felt content with his day of discovery. He loved how every transaction was a clever puzzle waiting to be solved, proving that maths was truly everywhere.

Word bank: adverbial · comma · phrase · descriptive · magnificent · currency

1. Find and retrieve: What is the total cost of the crate of bananas that Max wanted to purchase? (2 marks)

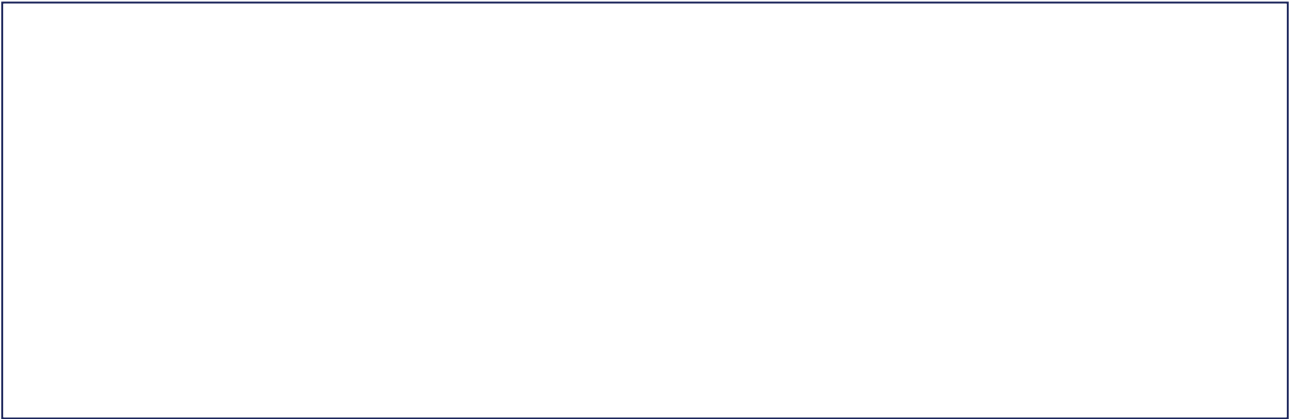
2. Find and retrieve: According to the text, what two things did Max use to help him with his calculations? (2 marks)

3. Inferential: Why does Max decide not to buy the plums even though he wants them? (2 marks)

4. Inferential: How does the author show that the market is a busy and lively place? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

5. Evaluative: Max enjoys solving maths puzzles. Explain why you think he might enjoy this, and justify your answer using your own opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market, including the wooden abacus he is using and the crate of red apples mentioned in the text.



Extension challenge: Challenge: Write your own paragraph about a visit to a shop. You must include at least two fronted adverbials (like 'Slowly,' or 'In the corner,') and one expanded noun phrase (like 'the enormous, dusty jar'). Justify why your chosen adverbials make your writing more interesting for the reader.