

Max's Market Morning

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills, specifically focusing on making inferences based on text evidence.

Read the story about Max the monkey below carefully. Use clues from the text to answer the questions. Remember to explain your reasons for your answers.

Max the monkey stood at the edge of the bustling village market, clutching his small, worn coin purse. He had exactly £5.00 to spend. His eyes darted between the stalls, calculating the cost of every item. He spotted a basket of golden mangoes priced at £2.50 and a bright, patterned scarf for £3.00. Max sighed and tapped his chin with his finger, his brow furrowing as he looked back and forth between the fruit and the fabric. He walked over to the fruit seller, but stopped before he reached the counter. He looked at his list, then at the sky, which was beginning to turn a soft, cloudy grey. Max turned around, walked past the mangoes, and headed straight for the sturdy, waterproof umbrella stall instead. He handed over £4.50, tucked his new purchase under his arm, and began to whistle a cheerful tune as he walked home. Even though he didn't get the mangoes, he looked perfectly satisfied with his decision.

Word bank: enthusiastic · stall · calculate · hesitated · shimmering

1. How much money did Max have in his purse at the start of the story? (1 mark)

2. What items were for sale at the market that Max considered buying? (1 mark)

3. Why did Max decide to buy an umbrella instead of the mangoes? (2 marks)

4. How do you know that Max was worried about the weather? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max made a sensible choice? Explain why. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing in the market holding his new umbrella while the sky starts to look cloudy.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining what you think Max did when he arrived home.