

Max's Magnificent Maths Market

Learning objective: To identify and understand the function of nouns and verbs within a narrative text.

Read the story below about Max the monkey. Identify the nouns (naming words) and verbs (action words) to help you answer the questions.

Max the monkey stood behind his wooden stall at the forest market. He was very excited because today was the day he sold his homemade number puzzles. He carefully arranged the colourful cards in neat rows. A young squirrel approached, clutching a shiny coin worth £2. Max smiled brightly and handed over a puzzle. The forest air felt warm and smelled of sweet pine needles. Nearby, Pip the caterpillar nibbled on a leaf while watching the busy scene. Max loved being a shopkeeper because every transaction felt like a tiny adventure. He calculated the change quickly, ensuring every penny was correct. The sun climbed higher in the sky, casting golden light over the bustling market. Max felt proud of his work, knowing that his puzzles would help his friends learn. He picked up a quill to record his final sales of the day. It was truly a magnificent afternoon for maths.

Word bank: Noun · Verb · Action · Person · Place · Thing · Sentence

1. Find two nouns from the text that represent things Max uses to run his stall. (2 marks)

2. Identify two verbs from the first paragraph that describe what Max is doing. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max enjoys running a market stall? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'every transaction felt like a tiny adventure' tell us about Max's personality? (3 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good shopkeeper? Explain why using an example from the passage. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing at his market stall. Include the wooden stall, the colourful number puzzles, and the shiny coins mentioned in the story.



Extension challenge: Choose three sentences from the passage. Underline the nouns in blue and the verbs in red. Then, try to rewrite one sentence by replacing the verb with a more descriptive synonym.