

Max's Maths Market Adventure: Nouns and Verbs

Learning objective: To identify and use nouns and verbs effectively within a narrative context.

Read the story below about Max the monkey. Then, complete the questions to show how well you understand how nouns and verbs work in a sentence.

Max the monkey stood in the centre of the bustling market. He loved to calculate the cost of fruit. He picked up a bright yellow banana and placed it gently into his wicker basket. Next, he walked to a wooden stall to weigh a bag of apples. Max needed to estimate the price before he reached the counter. He checked his small purse for the correct currency. With a happy chatter, he decided to purchase the delicious snacks for his friends.

Word bank: calculate · banana · weigh · basket · estimate · market · currency · total · stall · purchase

1. Find two common nouns from the first sentence of the passage and write them below. (2 marks)

2. Identify three verbs from the passage that describe the actions Max takes in the market. (3 marks)

3. Look at the sentence: 'Max checked his small purse.' Which word is the verb? Explain how you know. (2 marks)

4. Rewrite the sentence 'He picked up a banana' by replacing the verb 'picked' with a more adventurous synonym. (1 mark)

5. Write your own sentence about shopping at a market, ensuring you include at least one noun and one verb. Underline the noun and circle the verb. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing at a colourful market stall. Show him holding a basket filled with fruit and label one noun and one verb in your drawing.



Extension challenge: Choose three nouns from the word bank and write a short paragraph about a different adventure for Max, using at least two different verbs for each noun.