

Max's Maths Shop: Punctuation Puzzle

Learning objective: To use inverted commas (speech marks) and other punctuation to indicate direct speech.

Max the monkey is opening a shop to sell maths puzzles! He has written down what his friends said when they visited, but he has forgotten to add the speech marks and the correct punctuation inside them. Rewrite each sentence below, ensuring you place the speech marks correctly, use a capital letter for the start of the spoken words, and include a comma, exclamation mark, or question mark before the closing speech marks.

Word bank: inverted commas · speech marks · direct speech · capital letter · punctuation

1. Pip the caterpillar said I would like to buy three number puzzles please (2 marks)

2. How much does this giant protractor cost asked Nova the owl (2 marks)

3. Max shouted these puzzles are fantastic fun (2 marks)

4. Ellie the elephant whispered do you have any puzzles about history (2 marks)

5. I have exactly £5.50 in my pocket declared Kit the fox (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey standing behind a shop counter filled with geometric shapes and number puzzles. Add a speech bubble coming from Max showing him saying something exciting about his shop.



Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue between two of the BookFlik characters where they discuss the price of a puzzle. Remember to start a new line every time a new character speaks!