

Max the Monkey's Subtraction Shop

Learning objective: To solve simple problems by subtracting one-digit numbers from numbers up to 10 and finding the remaining total.

Max the Monkey is running a fruit stall. Today, he has some fruit to sell to his friends. Read the story problem in each box, then draw the fruit and write the number sentence to show how many are left after some have been taken away.

Word bank: take away · subtract · minus · left · total · fewer · equals

1. Max has 5 shiny red apples. A hungry squirrel buys 2 apples. How many apples does Max have left? Draw the apples and write the sum. (2 marks)

2. Max has 8 yellow bananas. Finn the dolphin buys 3 bananas for his snack. How many bananas are left on the stall? Show your working. (2 marks)

3. Max has 7 juicy oranges. Pip the caterpillar crawls by and eats 4 of them! How many oranges are left for Max to sell? (2 marks)

4. Max has £9 in his money tin. He spends £5 on new stickers for his maths book. How many pounds does he have left? (2 marks)

5. Create your own subtraction puzzle! Choose a number of fruits, decide how many are taken away, and write the answer. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Using your £1 coins, can you count out 10 coins and subtract 4? How many do you have left? Can you record this as a number sentence?