

Max's Market Challenge: Understanding Money

Learning objective: To understand the importance of budgeting, saving, and making responsible financial decisions.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences.

Max the monkey is famous for his love of maths puzzles, but this week he faces a real-life challenge at the community market. Max has been given a budget of £15.00 to buy healthy ingredients for a picnic with his friends. He wants to purchase enough fruit for everyone, but he also wants to buy a new kite that costs £8.50. Max quickly realises that if he buys the kite, he will only have £6.50 left for food, which might not be enough for all his friends. He decides to list his items, checking the price of each piece of fruit. By comparing prices at different stalls, he finds he can save money by buying seasonal produce. Max learns that managing money is about making choices and prioritising needs over wants. He decides to save his pocket money for the kite another time, ensuring he has enough to feed his friends today. Max feels proud of his decision, knowing that being responsible with his money helps him achieve his goals while caring for others.

Word bank: budget · savings · expenditure · responsible · value · prioritise

1. How much money was Max given for his picnic budget? (1 mark)

2. What are the two things Max initially wants to spend his money on? (2 marks)

3. Why does Max decide not to buy the kite on this specific day? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'prioritising needs over wants' mean in the context of Max's shopping trip? (3 marks)

5. Do you think Max made the right choice? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market looking at his list, with a fruit stall on one side and a kite stall on the other.



Extension challenge: Imagine you have £20.00 to host a party. Write a list of five items you would buy, including their estimated costs in Australian dollars and cents, and explain why you chose those items.