

Max's Magnificent Maths Market

Learning objective: To identify and use adverbs to describe how actions are performed.

Read the story about Max the monkey and answer the questions below. Remember to look for words that describe how the actions are happening.

Max the monkey stood behind his stall at the jungle market. He was selling colourful fruit and counting his coins very carefully. A customer approached the stall slowly, looking at the shiny apples. Max smiled warmly and greeted the customer with a friendly wave. He picked up a bunch of bananas and placed them neatly into a woven basket. 'That will be £2.50, please,' Max said politely. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew through the trees, making the leaves rustle loudly. Max quickly grabbed his money box so that none of his coins would tumble onto the forest floor. He worked efficiently to finish the sale before the rain started. Even though the weather was changing, Max felt happy. He loved his market stall because he could solve maths puzzles and help his friends all day long. Max counted the coins again to make sure the total was correct. He knew that if he worked hard and organised his stall perfectly, every customer would leave with a smile on their face.

Word bank: adverb · description · action · carefully · quickly · neatly

1. How does Max place the bananas into the basket? (1 mark)

2. What does Max do when the wind blows loudly? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Max is careful when he counts his coins? (2 marks)

4. How does the author show that Max is a polite shopkeeper? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max enjoys running his market stall? Explain why using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing behind his market stall. Make sure to draw some fruit and his money box, and add a speech bubble showing him being polite.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own about Max. In each sentence, include an adverb that ends in '-ly' to describe how Max is doing something.