

Reading Comprehension: Max's Market Maths

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of a narrative text by answering retrieval, inference, and vocabulary questions.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions in full sentences where required. Check your spelling and punctuation.

Max the monkey stood in the centre of the bustling village market. He was holding his favourite notepad, eager to help his friends with their shopping. The sun was shining brightly, casting long shadows across the colourful fruit stalls. 'I have £10 to spend,' said Pip the caterpillar, who was looking at a pile of crisp, red apples. 'Each apple costs 20p. How many can I buy?' Max's eyes twinkled as he tapped his pencil against his chin. He loved these little puzzles. He quickly calculated that Pip could buy 50 apples, though he knew Pip's tummy would be far too small for that! Nearby, Zara the zebra was painting a beautiful sign for the honey stall. 'The bees have been very busy,' Zara remarked, pointing to the golden jars. 'They have produced an abundant supply of honey this season.' Max cheered, happy to see his friends working together in the warm afternoon air.

Word bank: enthusiastic · stall · calculate · abundant · generous

1. Where is the story set and what is the weather like? (2 marks)

2. Why does Max have a notepad with him? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one word from the text that describes the amount of honey the bees have produced. (1 mark)

4. How many apples could Pip buy with £10 if each apple costs 20p? (2 marks)

5. Why does Max think Pip cannot eat all 50 apples? (3 marks)

6. Explain why Max enjoys helping his friends at the market. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (5 marks)

7. Imagine you are at the market with Max. Write a short paragraph (5-6 sentences) describing what you would buy and how you would work out the cost. Include at least two adjectives. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey helping Pip the caterpillar at the apple stall. Make sure to show the colourful fruit mentioned in the story.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you write a new sentence for the story using the word 'enthusiastic' to describe how Max feels about maths?