

Max's Market Maths

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make inferences about a character's actions and feelings.

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

Max the monkey was feeling very excited. Today was the day he would help his family buy fruit for the Big Jungle Picnic. Max loved numbers, so he grabbed his notepad and a pencil before heading to the bustling market. As he walked down the colourful aisles, he spotted piles of shiny red apples for 20p each and bunches of yellow bananas for £1.50. Max didn't just want to buy the fruit; he wanted to solve the puzzle of the best deal. He noticed that the oranges were sold in bags of five for £2.00, while individual oranges cost 50p each. Max quickly scribbled in his notebook, calculating that buying the bag was the smarter choice. When he reached the stall, he carefully counted his coins to ensure he had enough to cover the total cost. He felt proud when the shopkeeper praised his quick maths. With his basket full and his coins counted, Max was ready for the picnic, knowing he had saved his family money through his clever counting.

Word bank: enthusiastic · calculate · budget · bargain · aisle · total

1. How much does one banana cost according to the text? (1 mark)

2. What items did Max buy to take to the Big Jungle Picnic? (2 marks)

3. Why does Max choose to buy the bag of five oranges instead of individual ones? (2 marks)

4. How does Max feel when the shopkeeper praises his maths? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max enjoys using maths in his daily life? Explain why. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey at the market, holding his notepad and standing next to a basket filled with different types of fruit.



Extension challenge: Imagine you have £5.00 to spend at the market. Create a simple shopping list of fruit with prices and calculate the total cost to see if you stay under budget.