

Max the Maths Monkey's Market Adventure

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying facts, interpreting character feelings, and explaining vocabulary in context.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions in full sentences, using evidence from the text to support your ideas.

Max the monkey stood at the edge of the bustling market, his notepad ready. He loved to calculate the cost of fruit. He watched as a farmer arranged shiny red apples on a wooden stall. 'These are 20p each,' the farmer announced with a warm smile. Max counted five apples and quickly worked out the total would be £1.00. Nearby, Zara the zebra was busy painting a beautiful sign for the honey stand. She looked delighted as she added colourful patterns to the edges. A little boy walked by, clutching a 50p coin. He looked at the jars of golden honey, wondering if he had enough for a small pot. Max trotted over to help him, feeling proud to use his maths skills to solve the mystery of the prices.

Word bank: tally · stall · calculate · delighted · bargain

1. Why was Max the monkey standing at the edge of the market with his notepad? (2 marks)

2. How much would it cost to buy ten of the farmer's apples? Show how you worked this out. (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one word from the text that tells us Zara the zebra felt very happy. (1 mark)

4. Why was the little boy feeling unsure when he looked at the jars of honey? (2 marks)

5. What does the word 'calculate' mean in this story? Explain it in your own words. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey helping the little boy at the market stall. Make sure to include the honey jars and the price sign Zara has painted.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are the little boy in the story. Write two or three sentences explaining what you would say to Max to thank him for his help.