

Max the Monkey's Market Adventure: Using Speech Marks

Learning objective: To correctly use inverted commas (speech marks) to punctuate direct speech in a narrative.

Today, you are helping Max the Monkey report on his trip to the fruit market. Remember: speech marks go around the words actually spoken. Don't forget to include a comma, question mark, or exclamation mark inside the speech marks before you close them!

Max the Monkey wandered through the bustling market, his eyes widening as he spotted a golden pile of bananas with a price tag of £2.50.

Word bank: shouted · whispered · replied · exclaimed · asked · mumbled · meanwhile · suddenly · afterwards

1. Max asks the fruit seller how much the bananas cost. Write his sentence starting with: Max approached the stall and asked, '... (2 marks)

2. The fruit seller replies that they are a bargain. Write the reply using speech marks: The seller smiled and replied, '... (2 marks)

3. Max realises he only has £2.00 in his pocket. Write Max's reaction using an exclamation mark: Feeling disappointed, Max exclaimed, '... (2 marks)

4. The seller offers a deal. Write what the seller says next, using a reporting clause in the middle or at the end: '... (3 marks)

**5. Max agrees to the deal. Write one final sentence of dialogue where Max thanks the seller:
Max grinned and said, '... (2 marks)**

Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you write a new piece of dialogue between Max and another character, like Pip the Bookworm, where they discuss the price of a rare book for £4.75? Remember to start a new line for each new speaker!