

Max's Magnificent Maths Market

Learning objective: To identify and use effective adjectives to enhance descriptive writing.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Max the monkey was feeling particularly energetic as he prepared for the annual woodland market. He had spent hours setting up his stall, ensuring every item was perfectly aligned. On his wooden table, he displayed a collection of shimmering, polished stones that caught the morning sunlight, casting dazzling rainbows across the forest floor. Next to these, he placed an enormous pile of crisp, golden apples he had gathered from the orchard. Max was a meticulous organiser; he believed that a tidy stall made maths much easier to manage. He had even crafted little signs using vibrant paints to label the prices. A tiny jar of honey cost £2.50, while a bag of shiny conkers was priced at £1.20. As his friend Pip the caterpillar wandered past, she marvelled at the tidy display. The atmosphere in the woods was peaceful and welcoming. Max adjusted his favourite hat, feeling proud of his hard work. He knew that using descriptive words helped his friends understand exactly what treasures he had on offer, making the market a truly special event for everyone involved.

Word bank: vibrant · meticulous · shimmering · enormous · dazzling · organised

1. What two adjectives does the author use to describe the apples Max gathered? (2 marks)

2. How much does a bag of shiny conkers cost at Max's stall? (1 mark)

3. Why does Max think it is important to be a 'meticulous organiser'? (2 marks)

4. What does the description of the 'dazzling rainbows' suggest about the stones Max is selling? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max's choice of vibrant signs is a good idea for his market stall? Explain why using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing proudly behind his market stall. Make sure to include the shimmering stones, the golden apples, and his vibrant price signs.



Extension challenge: Choose three objects in your classroom and write a short, descriptive sentence for each using two interesting adjectives for every object.