

Max and the Market Trip

Learning objective: To identify and use expanded noun phrases to add detail to writing.

Read the story about Max. Look at the bold words. These are expanded noun phrases. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions.

Max the monkey went to the busy market. He wanted to buy some fruit for his friends. Max walked past a dusty, wooden stall. He saw a shiny, red apple sitting in a basket. Next to it, he found a sweet, yellow banana. Max felt very happy. He looked up and saw a bright, blue sky above the town. He bought a bunch of crisp, green grapes for his lunch. The kind, elderly farmer smiled at him. Max put all his yummy snacks into his sturdy, brown bag. He could not wait to share the tasty food with his friends. The market was a colourful, exciting place to be. Max loved finding new things to eat. He walked home feeling proud of his full bag. He knew that adding extra words helped him tell a better story about his morning trip. Every single item he bought was special because of the extra detail he used.

Word bank: adjective · noun · detail · describe · phrase

1. What colour was the apple that Max saw? (Use the text to help you.) (2 marks)

2. Which two adjectives are used to describe the bag? (Copy them from the text.) (2 marks)

3. How do you think Max feels about his shopping trip? Why? (2 marks)

4. Why does the author use words like 'dusty' and 'wooden' to describe the stall? (2 marks)

5. Do you like shopping at a market? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding his sturdy, brown bag. Add the shiny, red apple and the sweet, yellow banana inside the bag.



Extension challenge: Can you write an expanded noun phrase for your favourite fruit? Remember to use two adjectives before the noun. For example: The big, juicy strawberry.