

Max's Market Mystery

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by making inferences based on evidence from the text.

Read the story carefully. Answer the questions below, using evidence from the text to help you explain your ideas.

Max the monkey stood at the edge of the bustling town market. He clutched his small, worn purse tightly in his paw. He had been saving his pocket money for weeks, counting every coin carefully to make sure he had exactly £5. Max walked past the colourful fruit stall, his nose twitching at the scent of sweet strawberries, but he did not stop. He passed the toy maker, even though the spinning tops looked like fun. Finally, he reached the old bookshop at the corner. He peered through the window, his eyes widening with excitement. He walked inside and placed his coins on the counter. The shopkeeper smiled and handed him a heavy, blue book about space. Max hugged the book to his chest, his tail swishing happily from side to side. As he walked home, he hummed a cheerful tune, his feet bouncing off the pavement. He did not mind that he had spent all his money. In fact, he felt like the richest monkey in the world.

Word bank: enthusiastic · stall · calculate · shrugged · calculate · frown

1. How much money did Max take to the market? (1 mark)

2. What did Max buy at the market? (1 mark)

3. How do we know that Max really wanted the book? (2 marks)

4. Why did Max ignore the fruit and the toys? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max was happy with his choice? Explain your answer using the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a park reading his new blue book about space. Make sure he looks very happy!



Extension challenge: Imagine Max is now home. Write three sentences about what he might do next with his new book.