

Max and the Market Mystery

Learning objective: To identify and understand the features of a playscript.

Read the short play below. Then, answer the questions. Use the word bank to help you with your writing.

Setting: A sunny market stall. Max the monkey is looking at a pile of fruit. Pip the caterpillar is sitting on a large apple.

Max: (Picking up a shiny red apple) Hello, Pip! This apple costs 50p. Is it a good price?

Pip: (Smiling and waving) It is a fair price, Max! But look at the pears. They are 30p each.

Max: (Scratching his head while thinking) If I buy one apple and one pear, how much money will I need? This is a fun maths puzzle!

Pip: (Pointing to the basket) You will need 80p in total, Max.

Max: (Clapping his hands) You are right! I love shopping with you.

(Max puts the fruit into his bag. They both walk away together.)

Word bank: character · dialogue · stage directions · script · scene · brackets

1. How much does the apple cost in this play? (2 marks)

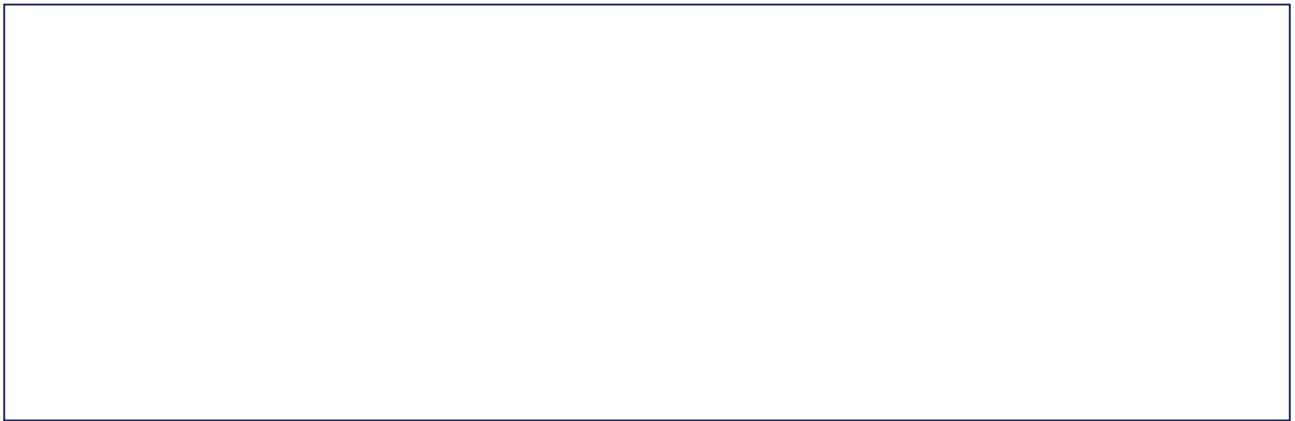
2. Where does this scene take place? (2 marks)

3. How does Max feel about maths? How do you know? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the writer used brackets in the text? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good friend to Pip? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the market stall. Show Max holding the apple and Pip sitting on the fruit.



Extension challenge: Write one more line of dialogue for Max. Remember to add stage directions in brackets to show how he is feeling.