

Max and the Market Playscript

Learning objective: To learn how to read and write a playscript using stage directions and character names.

Read the short scene below. Look at how the names are written on the left. Look at the brackets for the actions. Then, answer the questions below.

Setting: A busy fruit market. Max the monkey is looking at the apples.

MAX: (Points to a red apple) How much is this apple, please?

FARMER: (Smiling) That apple costs 50p, Max.

MAX: (Takes out his purse) I have a 50p coin. Here you go!

FARMER: (Takes the coin) Thank you! Enjoy your snack.

Word bank: playscript · character · stage directions · dialogue · brackets

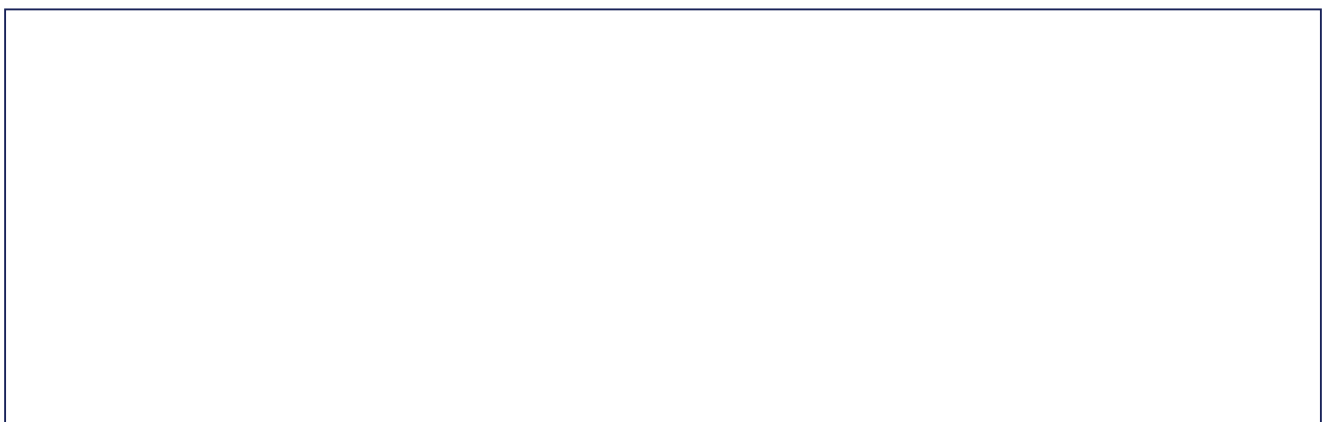
1. Who are the two characters in this playscript? (2 marks)

2. What is the farmer doing in the brackets? Write the action here. (1 mark)

3. How much does the apple cost in the scene? (1 mark)

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

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market buying his apple from the farmer.



Extension challenge: Write one more line for Max. Use a name on the left and an action in brackets like:

MAX: (Happily) This apple looks delicious!