

Max's Market Day

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by answering literal, inferential, and evaluative questions about a short narrative text.

Read the story about Max the monkey carefully. Then, answer the questions below in full sentences.

Max the monkey loves to visit the local market on Saturday mornings. He bounces along the stalls, looking for fresh fruit to buy for his friends. Max thinks that shopping is a giant maths puzzle! Today, he finds a basket of shiny red apples. Each apple costs 20p. Max picks up three apples. He counts them carefully and works out that the total is 60p. He hands the farmer a £1 coin and waits for his change. The farmer smiles and gives Max 40p back. Max feels very clever because his maths was spot on. Next, he spots a bunch of yellow bananas. He knows that Ellie the elephant loves bananas, so he buys those too for 50p. Max puts all his fruit into his big green bag. He cannot wait to get home to share his treats with his friends. It has been a very busy and successful morning at the market for our favourite monkey helper.

Word bank: market · calculate · favourite · puzzling · delicious · total

1. How much does one apple cost? (1 mark)

2. What fruit does Max buy for Ellie? (1 mark)

3. How does Max feel about doing maths while he shops? (2 marks)

4. Why does Max take a big green bag to the market? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good friend? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market holding his big green bag full of fruit.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are at the market with £2.00. Write a list of three items you would buy and work out how much they would cost in total.