

Max's Market Maths Mystery

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and use inference to understand character feelings and motivations.

Read the story below carefully. Then, answer the questions using your best Year 2 handwriting and full sentences where possible.

Max the monkey stood at the edge of the bustling town market. He clutched his small purse, which held exactly £5. Max loved the market because it was a giant maths puzzle. He saw a stall selling bright red apples for 50p each. He walked further and found a baker selling delicious honey buns for £1.20 each. Max wanted to buy a treat for his friend, Pip the caterpillar. He knew Pip loved honey buns, but he also wanted to save some money to buy a new notebook for his word collection. Max decided to buy two honey buns for £2.40. As he handed over his money, he felt very happy because he had enough left over to buy a small pencil for 50p. He counted his coins three times to make sure he had the right change.

Word bank: enthusiastic · calculate · bargain · market · generous · puzzled

1. How much money did Max have in his purse at the start of his trip? (1 mark)

2. Why does Max think the market is like a maths puzzle? (2 marks)

3. Which items did Max choose to buy, and how much did they cost in total? (2 marks)

4. How do you know that Max is a thoughtful friend? (2 marks)

5. Why did Max count his coins three times before leaving the stall? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market stall. Show him holding his two honey buns and looking very pleased with his maths skills.



Extension challenge: Imagine you have £5 to spend at the market. Write a list of three items you would buy and calculate how much change you would have left.