

Max's Busy Market Day

Learning objective: To use and identify speech marks (inverted commas) correctly.

Read the story about Max the monkey. Answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling. Use full sentences.

Max the monkey was at the market. He wanted to buy some fruit for his friends. He saw a pile of shiny red apples. Max asked the farmer, "How much do these cost?" The farmer smiled and said, "They are fifty pence each." Max counted his coins. He had plenty of money in his pocket. He decided to buy four apples. "I will take these, please," Max said happily. The farmer put the apples into a brown paper bag. "Here you go, Max," the farmer replied. Max thanked him and walked away feeling very hungry. He could not wait to share the fruit with Pip and Nova. He walked home quickly, dreaming of his tasty snack. On the way, he saw Zara the zebra. "Hello Zara!" Max called out. Zara waved back. Max knew that using speech marks helped people know exactly who was talking. He felt proud of his maths and his reading today. The market was a very busy place, but Max had everything he needed for his snack.

Word bank: speech marks · inverted commas · speaker · dialogue · punctuation

1. Find and copy the sentence where Max asks the price of the apples. (2 marks)

2. How many apples does Max decide to buy from the farmer? (2 marks)

3. How does Max feel when he is walking home? Use evidence from the text to explain. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the farmer smiled at Max? (2 marks)

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

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey buying apples from the farmer at the market. Make sure to include a speech bubble coming from Max with his words inside.



Extension challenge: Write one new sentence where Max talks to his friend Pip. Remember to put your speech marks in the right places!