

## Max's Maths Shop: Using Speech Marks

*Learning objective: To learn how to use speech marks to show what a character is saying.*

Read the story below. Max the monkey is at the shop. Find the words that Max says. Add speech marks (inverted commas) around the words he speaks. Remember to put a comma before the speech marks if needed. Use the word bank to help you.

Max the monkey walked into the shop. He looked at the price tags. He wanted to buy three pencils. How much are these pencils? asked Max. The shopkeeper smiled. They are two pounds, the shopkeeper replied. Max cheered. I will take them, said Max.

*Word bank: speech marks · talk · inverted commas · speak · sentence*

**1. Find the sentence where Max asks about the price. Write it out with speech marks: "..."  
around the spoken words. (2 marks)**

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**2. What did the shopkeeper say? Write the shopkeeper's words with speech marks. (2 marks)**

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**3. Max says he will take the pencils. Write his sentence using speech marks. (2 marks)**

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**4. Why do we use speech marks in a story? (1 mark)**

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**Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey standing in the shop holding three pencils. Draw a speech bubble above his head showing what he is saying to the shopkeeper.**



*Extension challenge: Write one new sentence about a fruit you want to buy at the shop. Use speech marks to show that you are saying it!*