

Max's Magnificent Maths Shop Spelling Challenge

Learning objective: To practise spelling common exception words and words with suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, and -less.

Read the story below. Max the monkey has made some mistakes in his price list! Help him fix the spellings so he can open his shop. Write the correct word in the blank spaces.

Max the monkey is opening a shop to sell maths puzzles. He wants everything to be perfect. He showed his list to his friend Pip the caterpillar. 'I want to show (1) _____ to all my customers,' said Max. 'I hope my shop brings them (2) _____.' Max had been a bit (3) _____ with his spelling, so he asked Pip to check his work. 'These puzzles are very (4) _____,' Pip said, looking at the display. 'And the shop looks (5) _____ with all your bright patterns!' Max felt proud of the (6) _____ he had made to his shop signs.

Word bank: improvement · kindness · helpful · careless · beautiful · happiness

1. 1. Look at the word 'happiness' in the passage. What is the root word, and what happens to the 'y' when we add the suffix -ness? (2 marks)

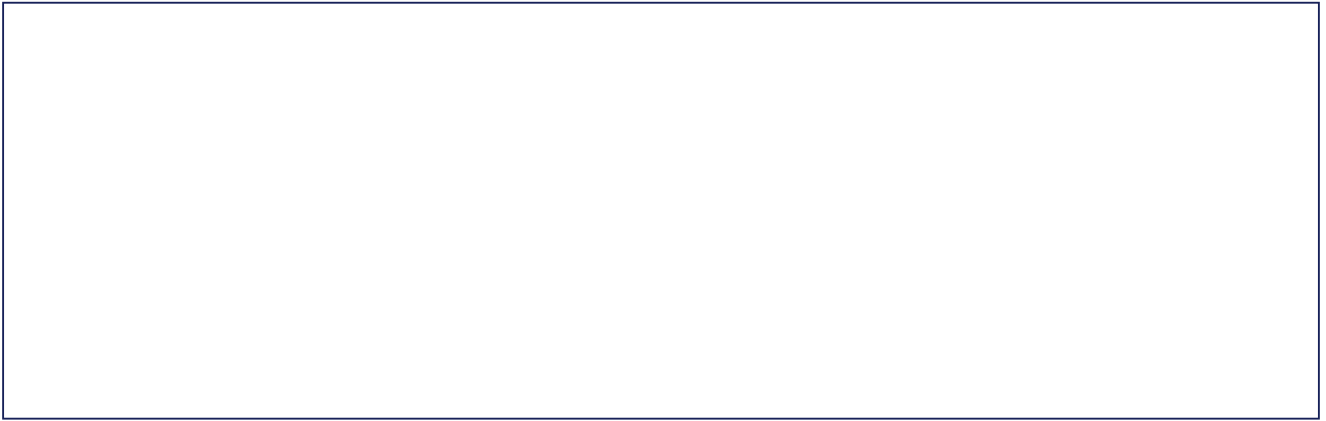
2. 2. Max wants his shop to be 'helpful'. Can you write a sentence using the word 'helpful' to describe a friend? (2 marks)

3. 3. Which word in the word bank is an antonym (the opposite) of 'careful'? (1 mark)

4. 4. Find a word in the passage that ends in -ment. Write it down and underline the suffix. (1 mark)

5. 5. Why did Max ask Pip for help with his spelling? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey inside his shop, showing him selling a maths puzzle to a customer.



Extension challenge: Choose two words from the word bank and write a short story about Max the monkey using both of them correctly.