

Max's Magnificent Maths Shop Spelling Challenge

Learning objective: To spell words with the /ei/ sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey', and apply spelling rules to Year 3 vocabulary.

Read the story below about Max the monkey. Look closely at the highlighted words. Then, answer the questions to test your spelling and comprehension skills.

Max the monkey has opened a shop to help his friends with their maths puzzles. Today, he has eight shiny apples to sell. He uses his scales to check the weight of each one. 'They are perfect!' Max cheered, his fur looking a soft shade of grey in the morning light. A little bird flew down, hoping to find a snack, but Max told her to obey the shop rules. 'I do not want to be a burden on the forest,' Max explained, 'so I must weigh everything carefully to make sure the price is fair.' He felt like a king during his short reign as the shopkeeper, happy to help his friends count their coins.

Word bank: eight · weight · vein · reign · they · obey · grey · prey · weigh

1. Find two words in the passage that use the 'eigh' spelling for the /ei/ sound. Write them below. (2 marks)

2. Max has eight apples. If each apple costs 20p, how much would they cost in total? Write your answer in pounds and pence. (2 marks)

3. Look at the word 'grey'. Can you think of another word that ends in 'ey' that sounds like 'they'? (1 mark)

4. Why does Max weigh the apples carefully? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer. (2 marks)

5. Choose one word from the word bank and write a new, original sentence about Max the monkey. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey standing behind his shop counter, holding a set of scales with an apple on them.



Extension challenge: Can you find a word in the word bank that is a homophone? Write both versions of the word and explain what each one means.