

Spooky Counting with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To count objects to 10, compare quantities, and solve simple addition problems using a Halloween theme.

Max the Monkey is getting ready for a spooky autumn party! Help him solve these maths puzzles by counting the items and calculating the totals.

Max has 3 shiny orange pumpkins and 2 friendly ghost decorations. He wants to know how many decorations he has in total. Later, he finds 4 striped sweets and 1 sparkly hat.

Word bank: count · total · more · less · altogether · add · number

1. Max has 3 pumpkins and 2 ghost decorations. Count them all up. How many decorations does Max have altogether? (2 marks)

2. Max has 4 striped sweets. If he finds 1 more sweet, how many sweets will he have now? (2 marks)

3. Each small bag of treats costs £1. If Max buys 2 bags, how much does he spend in total? (2 marks)

4. Look at the numbers 5 and 3. Which number is greater (more)? (1 mark)

5. Zara the Zebra has 6 black masks and 4 white masks. Does she have more black masks or white masks? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw 5 spooky pumpkins in a row and colour them bright orange.



Extension challenge: Max wants to buy a party hat that costs £3. He has a £2 coin and a £1 coin. Does he have enough money to buy the hat? Explain your answer.