

Max the Monkey's Fruit Shop Subtraction

Learning objective: To subtract numbers up to 20 using objects and pictures.

Read the story about Max the Monkey and his fruit shop. Use the pictures to help you solve the subtraction problems. Remember to cross out the items that have been sold!

Max the Monkey loves to run a fruit shop in the jungle. He has a basket full of healthy snacks for his friends. Today, Max has 15 juicy red apples. Pip the caterpillar visits the shop and buys 4 apples for a picnic. Later, Zara the zebra comes by and buys 3 bananas from Max's shelf of 12 bananas. Max needs your help to work out how much fruit he has left in his shop!

Word bank: subtract · take away · minus · left · total · fewer

1. Max started with 15 apples and Pip bought 4. How many apples does Max have left? Show your working out. (2 marks)

2. Max had 12 bananas and Zara bought 3. How many bananas are left? Write the number sentence. (2 marks)

3. If Max has 10 oranges and sells 5, how many oranges are left? Circle the correct answer: 4, 5, or 6. (1 mark)

4. Max had 8 pears. He sold 2 to a friendly bird. How many pears are left? (1 mark)

5. Explain how you found the answer to the first question. Did you count back or cross out the apples? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a basket with 10 oranges in it. Then, draw a line through 3 of the oranges to show they have been sold. Write the subtraction number sentence underneath your drawing.



Extension challenge: Max has 20 coins in his till. He spends £5 on a new crate to hold his fruit. How much money does Max have left? Write the answer in pounds (£).