

Max's Magnificent Market Math: An Adjective Adventure

Learning objective: To use a range of ambitious adjectives to enhance descriptions and create vivid imagery for the reader.

Max the monkey is visiting the local market to buy ingredients for a fruity feast. However, his shopping list is far too boring! Rewrite the list below by replacing the 'weak' adjectives (in brackets) with more ambitious, descriptive alternatives from the word bank. Then, answer the deeper thinking questions to show your mastery of vocabulary.

Word bank: succulent · vibrant · fragrant · withered · shimmering · tart · colossal · pristine

1. 1. Replace the weak adjective: 'I need to buy a (big) watermelon for £3.50.' (2 marks)

2. 2. Replace the weak adjective: 'I found some (good) strawberries that cost £2.00.' (2 marks)

3. 3. Replace the weak adjective: 'The herbs in the basket smell (nice) and cost 50p.' (2 marks)

4. 4. Explain why choosing the adjective 'succulent' instead of 'good' helps the reader imagine the fruit better. (3 marks)

5. 5. Compare and contrast: How does the mood of a sentence change if you describe a vegetable as 'withered' versus 'pristine'? (4 marks)

6. 6. Justify your answer: If Max wants to sell his fruit for a high price, which three adjectives from the list would be best to use on his sign, and why? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing at a market stall. In your drawing, show one piece of 'colossal' fruit and one 'vibrant' vegetable. Label your drawing using at least three ambitious adjectives.



Extension challenge: What might happen to the market's reputation if all the produce was described as 'withered'? Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) explaining the consequences for the shopkeeper using at least two expanded noun phrases.