

Max's Magnificent Market Math

Learning objective: To identify and use expanded noun phrases and relative clauses to add detail to writing.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Max the monkey, who was the most enthusiastic mathematician in the forest, decided to visit the local market. He carried a sturdy wooden basket, which was lined with soft, colorful leaves. Max wanted to purchase a delicious, golden pineapple for his friends. As he wandered through the bustling market stalls, he spotted a friendly farmer selling fresh, organic vegetables. Max noted the price of the produce, which was listed on a small, chalky blackboard. He carefully counted his coins, making sure he had exactly £4.50. A bright, patterned rug, which lay spread out near the entrance, caught his eye. Max smiled, thinking about how he could use his math skills to calculate the area of the rug. He loved the market, a place where numbers and stories seemed to dance together. With his shopping finished, he headed home, feeling proud of his successful morning. The market, which was always full of life, was his favorite spot in the entire world.

Word bank: expanded · relative clause · adjective · comma · preposition · description

1. What two items does Max carry or look at that are described using an expanded noun phrase? (2 marks)

2. How much money did Max need for his shopping trip? (1 mark)

3. Why does the author describe the market as a place where 'numbers and stories seemed to dance together'? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'the market, which was always full of life' tell the reader about the atmosphere of the location? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a successful shopper? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing in the market. Include the wooden basket with the golden pineapple and the chalky blackboard with the price listed on it.



Extension challenge: Write three new sentences about a different character visiting the market. In each sentence, include a relative clause starting with 'which', 'who', or 'where'.