

Reading Comprehension: Max's Market Adventure

Learning objective: To retrieve information, make inferences, and explain vocabulary choices in a narrative text.

Read the story below carefully and answer the questions. Use your best handwriting and remember to check your spelling.

Max the monkey stood at the edge of the bustling village market. He loved market day because it was a giant math puzzle waiting to be solved. His basket was empty, but his brain was busy. He walked up to a fruit stall where a farmer sat behind piles of shiny red apples. 'How much for one apple?' asked Max. 'Twenty pence,' replied the farmer with a smile. Max reached into his pocket and pulled out his coins. He had a £1 coin. He began to calculate how many apples he could buy. He decided to buy four apples, which cost eighty pence in total. 'That is a good bargain,' Max chirped. He paid the farmer, took his change of twenty pence, and skipped away, ready to find his next tasty treat.

Word bank: enthusiastic · bargain · calculate · stall · tally

1. Why does Max enjoy visiting the market? Give one reason from the text. (2 marks)

2. How much does one apple cost at the fruit stall? (1 mark)

3. What coins or money did Max use to pay for the apples? Did he get any change? (3 marks)

4. Look at the word 'calculate' in the text. What do you think this word means? (3 marks)

5. Why does the author describe the market as a 'giant math puzzle'? Use evidence from the story to support your answer. (4 marks)

6. Max bought four apples for 80p. If he wanted to buy two more apples, how much more money would he need to give the farmer? (2 marks)

7. Imagine Max is going to buy a bunch of bananas for £1.20. Write a short paragraph describing how Max would feel about this purchase and how he would check he has enough money. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding his bag of four red apples at the market stall.



Extension challenge: Total: /25