

Max the Math Monkey's Jungle Market Mystery

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying facts, interpreting meaning, and understanding character motivations in a short narrative.

Read the story below carefully. Then, answer the ten questions that follow to show how much you have understood about Max's busy day at the market.

Max the monkey stood at the entrance of the Sunny Canopy Market. He had exactly £5.00 in his pocket. Today, Max had a mission: he needed to buy ingredients for his famous fruit salad. First, he visited the berry stall. 'How much for a punnet of strawberries?' Max asked. The farmer smiled and replied, 'They are £1.20.' Max quickly calculated that he would have £3.80 left. Next, he bought a bunch of bananas for 80p. Finally, he spotted a jar of local honey for £2.00. Max felt very clever because he had managed to buy everything he needed without spending all his money. As he walked home, he wrote down his totals in his notebook, feeling proud of his successful shopping trip.

Word bank: adventure · currency · calculate · bargain · stall · tally

1. 1. What is the name of the character in the story? A) Pip B) Nova C) Max* D) Kit (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Max started the day with £10.00. (1 mark)

3. 3. How much did the strawberries cost? A) £1.00 B) £1.20* C) £2.00 D) 80p (1 mark)

4. 4. What fruit did Max buy for 80p? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Max bought a jar of honey for £2.00. (1 mark)

6. 6. How much money did Max spend in total? A) £4.00* B) £5.00 C) £3.80 D) £2.80 (1 mark)

7. 7. Where did Max write down his final totals? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

8. 8. Why did Max feel proud at the end of the story? A) He got lost B) He finished his shopping under budget* C) He ate the fruit D) He found a coin (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Max spent all of his £5.00. (1 mark)

10. 10. What kind of dish was Max planning to make? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market, holding his basket filled with _____ strawberries, bananas, and a jar of honey.



Extension challenge: Imagine you have £10.00 to spend at a market. Write a list of three items you would buy and calculate how much change you would have left over.