

Max and the Market Mystery

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make simple inferences about a character's actions.

Read the story about Max the monkey below. Then, answer the questions that follow using evidence from the text.

Max the monkey stood in the middle of the busy village market. He loved market day because it was full of math puzzles. He looked at a stall selling bright red apples. The sign said, '3 apples for £1.50'. Max scratched his head. He wanted to buy 9 apples for his friends. He did a quick mental calculation. If 3 apples cost £1.50, then 6 apples would be £3.00. That meant 9 apples would cost £4.50! Max felt very pleased with his clever math work. He reached into his small green bag and counted out his coins carefully. He handed the money to the farmer and skipped home with his bag of fruit, ready to share the snack with his friends.

Word bank: calculation · stall · bargain · puzzled · mental · amount

1. Why does Max love market day? (1 mark)

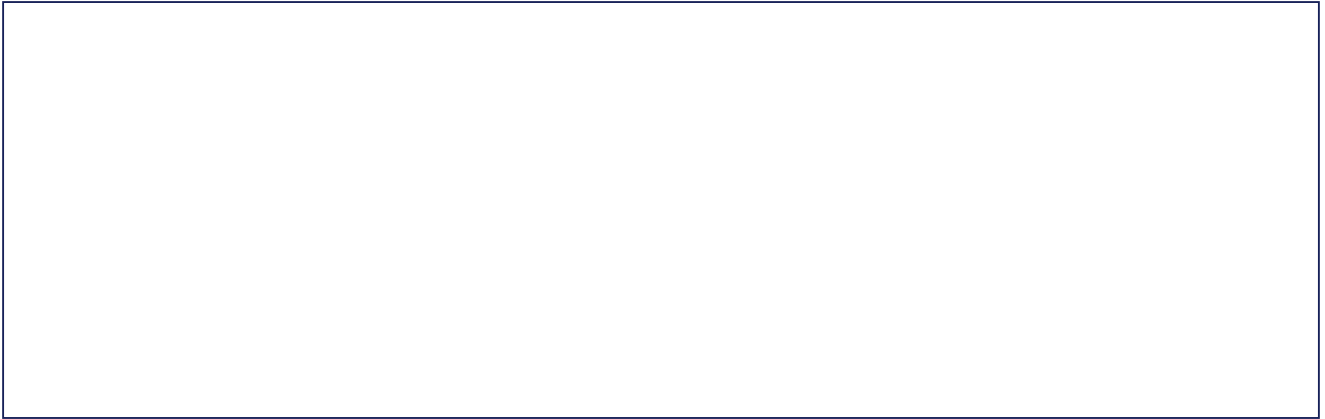
2. How many apples does Max want to buy in total? (1 mark)

3. Explain how Max worked out the cost of 9 apples. (2 marks)

4. How does Max feel when he finishes his calculation? Use a word from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

5. Where does Max keep his money? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market stall with his bag of 9 apples.



Extension challenge: Max has £6.00 in his bag. After buying the 9 apples for £4.50, how much money does he have left? Show your working out.