Max’s Money Masterclass: A Financial Literacy Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the value of money, the importance of budgeting, and the difference between needs and wants.

Read each question carefully. Join Max the monkey as he manages his jungle market stall. Select the best answer for each question.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Budget, 5.B, 6.True, 7.A, 8.False, 9.Expenditure, 10.B. Explanation: Needs are essentials for survival (food, shelter), whereas wants are items we desire for enjoyment but can live without.

Word bank: Budget · Needs · Wants · Savings · Transaction · Value · Income · Expenditure

1. 1. Max wants to buy a new banana peeler for £4.50. Which set of coins makes exactly £4.50? A) £2, £2, 50p, 20p B) £1, £1, £1, £1, 20p, 20p, 10p C) £2, £1, £1, 50p* D) £2, £2, 20p, 20p, 5p (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A 'need' is something essential for life, like healthy food or warm clothing. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: If you spend all your pocket money on sweets, you are practising good budgeting. (1 mark)

4. 4. What do we call a plan that helps us track how much money we earn and how much we spend? (One word) (1 mark)

5. 5. If you have £10.00 and you spend £3.25 on a book, how much change should you receive? A) £7.75 B) £6.75* C) £6.25 D) £7.25 (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Money can be earned by completing chores or providing a service, such as washing a car. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these is an example of a 'want' rather than a 'need'? A) A shiny new toy car* B) A woolly sweater C) A carton of milk D) A loaf of bread (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: It is impossible to save money if you only have a small amount of pocket money. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the technical term for the money leaving your wallet when you buy something? (One word) (1 mark)

10. 10. Why is it important to compare prices before making a purchase? A) Because it is fun B) To ensure you get the best value for your money* C) So you can spend more D) To make the shopkeeper happy (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing at his market stall. Include a sign showing the prices of his items and a piggy bank where he is saving his earnings.

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why it is important to save money for an emergency rather than spending it all immediately. 2. Compare and contrast a 'need' and a 'want' using two examples of each. 3. Justify your answer: Is it better to buy one expensive item that lasts a long time, or several cheap items that might break quickly? 4. What might happen if a family does not track their expenditure? 5. If you were given £20, create a hypothetical budget showing how you would allocate the money between savings, a 'need', and a 'want'. 6. Research and explain how digital banking differs from using physical cash.