

Keeping Safe in Our Community

Learning objective: To understand personal safety boundaries and identify trusted adults in various environments.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Think about how Max and his friends stay safe while they are out and about.

Max the monkey loves exploring the park, but he knows that being independent means staying safe. Max always follows his safety network plan. This means he only plays where he can see his trusted adult, like his parents or teacher. If Max ever feels uncomfortable or worried, he knows he has the right to say 'no' and walk away to find help. Max understands that personal space is important; everyone has a boundary that should be respected. When Max goes to the local store with his pocket money of £2.50 to buy a snack, he stays on the pavement and never talks to strangers. If he ever got lost or felt unsafe, he knows to find a 'safe person', such as a shopkeeper or a police officer, to ask for assistance. By staying alert and aware of his surroundings, Max enjoys his adventures whilst keeping himself secure. Whether he is solving a math puzzle in the park or visiting the library, Max knows that his safety is the most important thing to look after.

Word bank: trusted adult · boundaries · emergency · independent · safety network · alert

1. Identify two examples of a 'safe person' mentioned in the text that Max could turn to if he felt unsafe. (2 marks)

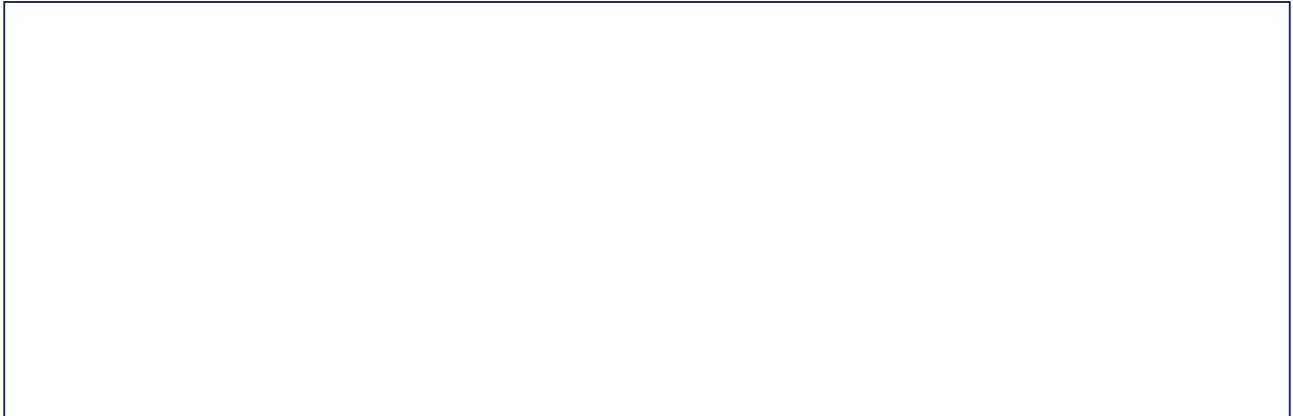
2. How much money does Max have when he goes to the store, and what does he do to stay safe on his way there? (2 marks)

3. Why is it important for Max to have a 'safety network' when he is playing in the park? (2 marks)

4. The text mentions personal boundaries. What does this suggest about how we should treat other people? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that staying alert is the best way to keep safe? Justify your answer using examples from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Safety Map' of your local area. Include labels for where you feel safe and identify at least three 'safe people' or places you could go if you needed help.



Extension challenge: Explain why it is important to communicate your safety boundaries to others. What might happen if a person does not respect someone else's personal space? Write a short paragraph proposing a 'safety rule' that could help children feel more confident when they are out in public.