Max the Monkey’s Subtraction Station

Learning objective: To subtract two-digit numbers using formal written methods and solve practical subtraction problems involving money.

Read each question carefully. Show your working out clearly in the space provided. Remember to check your answers to see if they make sense!

Max the Monkey loves to solve maths puzzles at the jungle shop. Help him work out the totals for his friends!

Word bank: subtract · difference · minus · total · exchange · pence · pounds · remaining

1. Max has 45 bananas. He gives 23 to his friends. How many bananas does Max have left? Show your calculation. (2 marks)

2. Calculate the difference: 88 - 36 = ? (1 mark)

3. Pip has £75 in his savings jar. He spends £42 on a new book. How much money does Pip have left? Remember to include the £ sign. (2 marks)

4. Solve this subtraction: 62 - 27 = ? (Hint: You may need to exchange a ten for ten ones). (2 marks)

5. Zara the Zebra has 90 stickers. She loses 15 of them in the wind. How many stickers does she have now? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey counting his remaining bananas in a pile. Label the pile with the number of bananas he has left.

Extension challenge: Max finds a mystery number. If he subtracts 12 from his mystery number, he gets 25. What is the mystery number? Explain how you found your answer.