Max’s Market Stall: Spending and Saving

Learning objective: To understand that money is used to pay for items and to begin recognising coins as a way to exchange value.

Max the monkey is setting up a fruit stall! Look at the prices of the items below. Draw a line to match each piece of fruit to the correct coin Max needs to pay for it. Then, help Max decide which items he can afford with his £2 coin.

Word bank: Penny · Pound · Price · Buy · Save · Spend

1. An apple costs £1. If Max has a £2 coin, does he have enough money to buy the apple? Explain why. (2 marks)

2. A banana costs £1 and a pear costs £1. If Max buys both, how much money will he spend in total? (2 marks)

3. Why do we use money at the market instead of just taking the fruit for free? (2 marks)

4. If Max has £2 and spends £1 on an apple, how much money does he have left to save in his piggy bank? (2 marks)

5. Max wants to buy a bunch of grapes that costs £3. Does he have enough money if he only has his £2 coin? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at his market stall. Draw a piggy bank next to him and some fruit with price tags showing £1 or £2.

Extension challenge: Talk to a grown-up about what things cost at home. Can you find a coin in your house and describe what it looks like? Is it gold or silver? Is it big or small?