Max’s Market Day: Learning About Money

Learning objective: To understand that money is used to pay for items and to recognise different coins used in the UK.

Max the monkey is helping at the local market. Look at the coins and items below to help Max learn how to pay for his shopping.

Max has a shiny 1p coin and a round £1 coin. He wants to buy a healthy apple for 10p and a bunch of bananas for £1. He needs to know which coin to use for each item.

Word bank: penny · pound · buy · shop · coins · cost

1. If an apple costs 10p, is it cheaper or more expensive than the £1 coin Max has? (2 marks)

2. Max wants to buy a toy that costs £2. If he has one £1 coin, does he have enough money? How do you know? (2 marks)

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

4. Circle the coin that is worth the most: a 1p coin or a £1 coin. (1 mark)

5. If you had 5p, could you buy a sticker that costs 2p? How much money would you have left over? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market. Draw the fruit he wants to buy and the coins he uses to pay for them.

Extension challenge: Go on a 'coin hunt' at home with an adult. Can you find a 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1, or £2 coin? Talk about which ones are big and which ones are small.