

Max's Pocket Money Puzzle

Learning objective: To understand the value of money, the importance of saving, and making responsible choices.

Read the story about Max. Answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling.

Max the monkey loves to solve maths puzzles. This week, Max has a new challenge: his pocket money. Every Saturday, Max receives £5. He wants to buy a shiny new magnifying glass that costs £12. Max knows he cannot afford it yet. He decides to make a plan. He puts £2 into his blue piggy bank to save for the magnifying glass. He keeps £3 to spend on small treats, like a healthy snack or a colourful sticker. Max is learning that money is limited. He must choose between what he really needs and what he just wants. By saving a little bit every week, Max will soon have enough for his goal. He feels proud because he is being very responsible with his coins. Max checks his maths sum again. If he saves £2 each week, he will have enough in six weeks. Saving takes patience, but Max knows the reward will be worth the wait.

Word bank: savings · budget · responsible · choices · value · needs · wants

1. How much pocket money does Max get every Saturday? (2 marks)

2. How much money does Max put into his piggy bank each week? (2 marks)

3. Why does Max have to wait six weeks to buy the magnifying glass? (2 marks)

4. How do you know that Max is being sensible with his money? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is better to save money or spend it all at once? Explain why. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey putting coins into his blue piggy bank. Draw the magnifying glass he is dreaming about next to him.



Extension challenge: Imagine you have £10. List three things you would buy and one thing you would save for. Explain your choices in two sentences.