

Max's Christmas Market Surprise

Learning objective: To retrieve information, make inferences, and provide personal opinions based on a short story.

Read the story carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the text. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Max the monkey visited the town Christmas market. The stalls were decorated with bright tinsel and twinkling lights. Max loved the festive atmosphere. He had £5.00 in his pocket to buy a special gift for his friend, Pip. Max walked past a stall selling hot chestnuts for £2.00. Then, he saw a beautiful, hand-made bookmark for £1.50. Max stopped to calculate his spending. If he bought the bookmark, he would have £3.50 left. He decided that Pip would love the bookmark because Pip is a bookworm. Max bought the bookmark and felt very happy. As he walked home, he saw a shivering kitten near the gate. Max felt sorry for the kitten, so he spent his remaining £3.50 on a warm, woolly blanket for it. He did not have any money left for a snack, but he felt warm inside because he had been generous. Max knew that giving to others was the best part of Christmas.

Word bank: stall: a small shop booth · generous: kind and willing to share · festive: happy and related to a holiday · market: a place to buy and sell things · calculate: to work out a number

1. How much money did Max have at the start of the day? (2 marks)

2. What gift did Max choose to buy for his friend, Pip? (2 marks)

3. Why did Max choose the bookmark for Pip? (2 marks)

4. How do you know that Max is a kind character? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max made the right choice to buy the blanket? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the Christmas market. Include the colourful stalls and the warm blanket he bought for the kitten.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences about a time you gave a gift to a friend or helped someone in need.