

Max's Market Day

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills, specifically focusing on retrieval and inference.

Read the story carefully. Answer the questions below. Use the word bank if you need help.

Max the monkey stood at the edge of the busy village market. He held a small, worn leather purse tightly in his paw. He had saved his pocket money for weeks to buy a special gift for his friend, Pip. Max looked at the colourful stalls. He saw piles of bright red apples, jars of golden honey, and baskets of hand-woven scarves. Max walked slowly past a fruit stall. He checked the price tag on a bag of oranges and frowned, putting the bag back down. He counted his coins again and took a deep breath. He spotted a beautiful, hand-made bookmark at the very last stall. His eyes lit up and his tail gave a happy flick. He walked over to the stall owner, placed his coins on the wooden table, and smiled. Max did not need to check the price again. He knew he had enough to make Pip very happy. As he walked home, Max hummed a tune, his purse now much lighter but his heart feeling very full and content.

Word bank: Market · Stall · Marketplace · Coins · Prices · Cheerful · Confused · Planning

1. What items did Max see at the market? (Find two items) (2 marks)

2. Why did Max put the bag of oranges back down? (2 marks)

3. How do you think Max felt when he found the bookmark? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

4. Why was Max's purse lighter at the end of the day? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good friend? Explain why using the story. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market stall looking at the beautiful bookmark.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences about what gift you would buy for a friend if you had £5.