Max’s Market Maths: Subtraction Challenge

Learning objective: To subtract two-digit numbers using practical methods and column subtraction.

Help Max the monkey work out how much money he has left after buying fruit at the market. Read the problems carefully and show your working out.

Max is visiting the local market with his basket. He starts the day with £75 in his pocket. He sees a crate of shiny red apples for £24. Later, he spots some delicious honey cakes that cost £18. Max is very careful with his money and likes to keep track of his spending so he knows exactly how many pounds he has left to spend on books for his friends.

Word bank: subtract · difference · minus · total · exchange · remaining

1. Max starts with £75 and spends £24 on apples. How much money does he have left? Show your calculation. (2 marks)

2. If Max then spends £18 on honey cakes, how much money does he have left from his original £75? (Hint: You can subtract the cakes from your answer to Question 1). (2 marks)

3. What is the difference in price between the apples (£24) and the honey cakes (£18)? (1 mark)

4. Max sees a book that costs £35. If he has £33 left in his pocket, does he have enough money to buy it? Explain how you know. (2 marks)

5. Calculate 62 - 27 using column subtraction. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing at a market stall. In his basket, draw the apples and the honey cakes he bought. Label the prices of the items.

Extension challenge: Max finds a £10 note on the ground! If he had £33 left, how much does he have now? If he then buys a notebook for £12, how much is left?