

Max's Market Day: Mastering Paragraphs

Learning objective: To understand how to group related ideas into paragraphs to organise writing.

Read the story about Max the monkey below. Max has mixed up his notes about his trip to the market! Read the text carefully and answer the questions to show you understand how paragraphs help keep information organised.

Max the monkey decided to visit the local market to buy ingredients for a fruit salad. First, he walked to the fruit stall. He chose three shiny red apples for £1.50 and a bunch of yellow bananas for £1.20. He carefully placed them into his woven basket, making sure they did not get bruised.

After buying the fruit, Max felt a little thirsty. He skipped over to the drinks stall. The friendly shopkeeper sold him a bottle of fresh apple juice for £2.00. Max sat on a nearby bench, feeling very pleased with his successful shopping trip. He couldn't wait to get home and share his delicious treats with his friends.

Word bank: paragraph · topic · section · grouping · organisation · theme

1. The passage is split into two paragraphs. What is the main topic of the first paragraph? (2 marks)

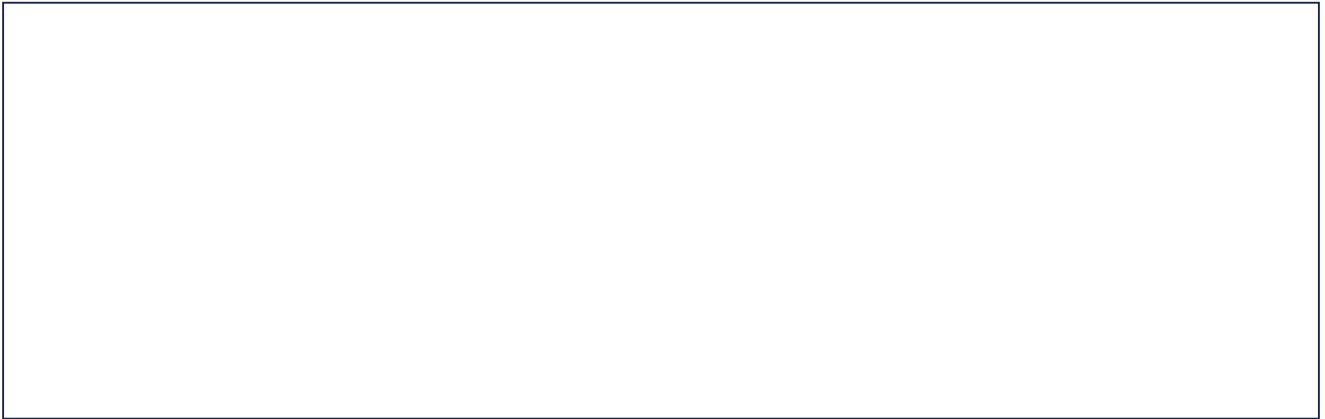
2. Why did the author start a new paragraph when Max went to the drinks stall? (2 marks)

3. How much money did Max spend in total on his fruit and juice? (2 marks)

4. If Max decided to go home and write a recipe for his fruit salad, should that be a new paragraph? Explain why. (2 marks)

5. Find and copy one word from the text that shows Max was happy with his shopping. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting on a bench at the market with his woven basket. Show the items he bought inside the basket.



Extension challenge: Write a third paragraph to add to the story. Describe what happened when Max arrived home to share the snacks with his friends, Pip and Nova.