

Max's Market Day Maths Challenge

Learning objective: To practise adding and subtracting amounts of money in pounds and pence to solve real-world problems.

Max the monkey is helping run a local market stall. Use your maths skills to help him calculate the totals for his customers. Read each scenario carefully, show your working out, and write your final answer in pounds and pence (£).

Word bank: total · change · pence · pounds · cost · subtract · addition · expensive · cheaper

1. The Fruit Stand: Max sells a punnet of strawberries for £2.50 and a bunch of bananas for £1.20. What is the total cost for a customer buying both? (2 marks)

2. The Change Challenge: A customer buys a jar of honey for £3.75. They pay with a £5.00 note. How much change does Max need to give back? (2 marks)

3. Price Comparison: A bag of apples costs £2.10. A bag of pears costs £2.85. What is the difference in price between the two bags? (2 marks)

4. The Bundle Deal: Max creates a bundle of three items. If each item costs £1.00, how much would the bundle cost in total? (2 marks)

5. Spending Spree: You have a £10.00 note. If you buy a gift for £4.50 and a card for £1.50, how much money do you have left? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are opening your own stall at the market. Choose three items to sell and give them each a price. Create your own 'maths challenge' question for a friend to solve using your prices!