

Max's Market Math: Subtraction Practice

Learning objective: To subtract amounts of money using column subtraction and solve simple word problems.

Max the monkey is at the local market. He is helping shopkeepers work out how much change they need to give. Read each problem carefully. Use the column method to help you subtract the prices. Remember to line up your decimal points and pounds signs carefully!

Word bank: subtract · difference · total · change · decimal point · column · pounds · pence

1. Max has £5.00. He buys a bag of apples for £2.45. How much change does he have? Show your working in the space below. (2 marks)

2. A box of pears costs £4.60. A bunch of bananas costs £1.25. What is the difference in price between the pears and the bananas? (2 marks)

3. A jar of honey costs £3.80. If you pay with a £5.00 note, how much money is left over? (2 marks)

4. Create your own subtraction problem for Max. Write the prices of two items and ask a friend to find the difference. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: If you had £10.00, could you buy two different items from the list above? Calculate the total cost and subtract it from £10.00 to see how much change you would have.