Max’s Smart Spending Shop

Learning objective: To understand the difference between needs and wants, and to consider how to make responsible financial choices.

Follow the steps below to create a scene where Max the monkey is deciding what to buy at the village market. Use your drawing to show which items are essential and which are luxuries.

Draw: Draw a market scene with Max the monkey standing in front of two stalls. On the first stall, draw healthy food items like apples, bread, and milk with price tags. On the second stall, draw fun items like a colourful spinning top or a shiny marble set. Draw a speech bubble for Max showing him thinking about his £20 budget. Use a bright, cheerful style with clear labels for each item.

Label words: Need · Want · Budget · Price tag · Saving · Essential · Luxury

Steps:

1. Identify one item in your drawing that is a 'need' and one that is a 'want'. Explain why you chose these categories.
2. If Max spends £12.50 on food, how much of his £20.00 does he have left?
3. Why is it important to have a budget before going shopping?
4. Label the 'Essential' items in your drawing with an 'E' and the 'Luxury' items with an 'L'.

5. If Max decides to save half of his remaining money, how much will he put into his savings jar?