

Max's Market Maths Mystery

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases within a narrative text.

Read the story below carefully. Then, answer the questions that follow, ensuring you look for the grammatical features used by Max.

Max the monkey was feeling very hungry. With a rumbly tummy, he decided to visit the local market. He walked past the tall, wooden stalls filled with colourful fruit. Slowly and carefully, Max counted his coins. He had exactly £4.50 in his pocket. Under the bright, yellow sun, he spotted a crate of juicy, red apples. Suddenly, Max saw a sign that said '3 apples for £1.20'. He calculated the price quickly. Happily, he bought his snack and sat on a nearby bench to eat.

Word bank: Fronted adverbial · Expanded noun phrase · Comma · Adjective · Time adverbial

1. Find and copy one example of a fronted adverbial from the text. Remember to include the comma. (1 mark)

2. Identify an expanded noun phrase in the second paragraph that uses two adjectives. Why do you think the author chose to include these adjectives? (2 marks)

3. Look at the sentence: 'Slowly and carefully, Max counted his coins.' What is the purpose of the comma after the word 'carefully'? (2 marks)

4. Max has £4.50. If he spends £1.20 on apples, how much money does he have left? Write your answer as a full sentence using a fronted adverbial. (2 marks)

5. Rewrite the sentence 'He walked past the stalls' to include an expanded noun phrase and a fronted adverbial of place. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market, making sure to label the 'tall, wooden stalls' and the 'juicy, red apples'.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about Max visiting a bakery. You must include at least two fronted adverbials (one for time, one for manner) and three expanded noun phrases.