

Max's Maths Market: A Punctuation Adventure

Learning objective: To use fronted adverbials, commas, and apostrophes for possession correctly in a narrative context.

Help Max the monkey organise his market stall. Read the passage below and rewrite the sentences to include missing punctuation. Look out for fronted adverbials that need a comma, and check for apostrophes showing who owns the items.

Max the monkey stood behind his stall. Every morning he arranges his fruit. The traders basket was full of shiny apples. Slowly he placed a pear on the pile. The monkeys favourite fruit was a banana. Without warning a customer walked up. He smiled at the lady.

Word bank: suddenly · carefully · yesterday · stall · monkey's · trader's · basket · alphabetically

1. Rewrite the sentence 'The traders basket was full of shiny apples' to show that the basket belongs to one trader. Remember the apostrophe. (2 marks)

2. Find the fronted adverbial in the passage that is missing a comma. Rewrite the full sentence with the comma included. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite the sentence 'The monkeys favourite fruit was a banana' using a possessive apostrophe correctly. (2 marks)

4. Add a fronted adverbial of your own choice to the beginning of the final sentence: 'He smiled at the lady.' Don't forget your comma! (2 marks)

5. Why do we use an apostrophe when we say 'the monkey's fruit'? Explain the rule in your own words. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max's market stall with labels showing his items, such as 'Max's bananas', 'the elephant's peanuts', and 'the zebra's striped melons'.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a busy day at the market. Try to use at least two fronted adverbials and one apostrophe for possession.