

Max's Market Stall Adventure

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of a narrative text by retrieving information, making inferences, and explaining vocabulary choice.

Read the story of Max the monkey and his market stall below, then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Max the monkey was feeling very enthusiastic. Today was the day of the Great Forest Market, and he had spent all week preparing his stall. He had spent £12.50 on fresh bananas and £8.75 on colourful woven baskets to display them in. Max loved to calculate the total cost of his goods because he thought maths was like a giant puzzle. As the sun rose, the market became a bustling place. Animals from all over the woods arrived to browse. A small squirrel approached Max's stall, clutching a shiny coin. 'How much for a bunch of bananas?' the squirrel squeaked. Max, being a generous friend, decided to offer a bargain. He sold the bananas for £2.00, even though they were worth much more. By the end of the day, Max had made £25.00. He felt proud, not just because of the money, but because he had helped his forest neighbours.

Word bank: enthusiastic · calculate · bustling · generous · bargain

1. Why did Max spend time calculating his costs before the market opened? (2 marks)

2. Find and copy one word from the text that describes the atmosphere of the market. (1 mark)

3. How do we know that Max is a kind character? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

4. What was the total amount of money Max spent on his stall supplies? Show your working. (2 marks)

5. If Max made £25.00 and spent £21.25 in total, how much profit did he make? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max's stall at the Great Forest Market, showing the bananas and the woven baskets.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are the squirrel who bought the bananas. Write a short diary entry (3-4 sentences) explaining why you were happy with your purchase from Max.