

Max the Mathematical Monkey's Market Trip

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by retrieving information, making inferences, and identifying word meanings within a narrative text.

Read the story below carefully and answer the questions. Make sure to use full sentences where possible.

Max the monkey was feeling particularly clever today. He had been given £10.00 by his friends to buy fruit for the forest picnic. Max loved the local market, mostly because he could practise his mental maths at every stall. He walked past the colourful displays, his eyes darting between price tags. At the first stall, he found crisp, red apples for 20p each. He quickly calculated that ten apples would cost exactly £2.00. Next, he visited a stall selling juicy pears. The farmer told him they were a bargain at 30p each. Max decided to buy five pears for £1.50. After finding some bunches of bananas for £2.50, Max checked his pocket. He had spent £6.00 in total. Feeling very proud of his budgeting, he decided to use the remaining £4.00 to buy a big bag of sunflower seeds to share with Bea the honeybee. It was the perfect mathematical adventure.

Word bank: bargain · calculate · stall · generous · produce

1. Why does Max enjoy visiting the local market so much? (2 marks)

2. Calculate the total cost of the apples and the pears combined. Show your working out. (2 marks)

3. What does the word 'calculated' suggest about how Max thinks? (2 marks)

4. How much money did Max have left over after he bought the bananas? (2 marks)

5. What tells us that Max is a kind friend to Bea? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max at the market stall, showing the different fruits he has gathered in his basket.



Extension challenge: Imagine Max goes to a different stall where strawberries cost 40p each. If he bought 6 strawberries, how much would they cost? Write a short sentence explaining if he has enough money left from his original £10.00 to buy them.