

A Day at the Forest Market

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a narrative text to show understanding of character and plot.

Read the story about Max and his friends at the market, then answer the questions below using full sentences.

Max the monkey was buzzing with excitement as he arrived at the Forest Market. He clutched his small purse, which held exactly £5.00. Today, he was on a mission to buy fresh ingredients for a fruit salad. He skipped past the colourful stalls until he reached Bea the honeybee's shop. Bea had jars of golden honey and baskets of shiny red apples. 'Hello Max!' buzzed Bea. 'These apples are 50p each.' Max began to calculate. If he bought four apples, that would cost £2.00. He also spotted a punnet of strawberries for £1.50. He hesitated for a moment, tapping his chin. If he bought the apples and the strawberries, he would spend £3.50. That would leave him with £1.50 change. Just then, Pip the caterpillar crawled over. 'Are you going to buy the blueberries too?' Pip asked, pointing to a small carton priced at £1.20. Max smiled; he loved a good maths puzzle. He realised he had just enough money to buy everything on his list.

Word bank: bargain · calculate · stall · gleaming · hesitated

1. How much money did Max have in his purse when he arrived at the market? (1 mark)

2. Find and copy one word from the text that describes how the apples looked. (1 mark)

3. Explain how Max calculated the cost of the apples and strawberries. Show your working. (2 marks)

4. Why did Max hesitate when he was at Bea's stall? (2 marks)

5. Using evidence from the text, explain why Max was the perfect character to go shopping. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max's fruit salad, including the apples, strawberries, and _____ blueberries he bought at the market.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining what Max might do with the leftover money if he decides not to buy the blueberries after all.