

# Max the Monkey's Market Maths Challenge

*Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by extracting information from a text and using inference to answer questions.*

Read the story about Max's trip to the market carefully. Once you have finished reading, answer the questions below using full sentences. Use evidence from the text to support your answers.

Max the monkey was feeling particularly hungry on a sunny Saturday morning. He decided to visit the local village market to find some fresh treats. The stalls were vibrant and bustling with activity. Max spotted a fruit stall selling juicy apples for 30p each and bunches of bananas for £1.20. Max reached into his pocket and counted his coins; he had exactly £2.50. He decided to buy two apples and one bunch of bananas. As he handed over the coins, the stallholder, a friendly farmer, smiled and gave him a spare peach for free because Max had been so polite. Max sat on a nearby bench, feeling very pleased with his successful morning of shopping and snacking.

*Word bank: ambitious · bazaar · calculate · inferred · refreshing · transaction · vibrant*

**1. Why did Max decide to go to the village market on Saturday? (2 marks)**

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**2. Calculate the total cost of the items Max bought. Did he have enough money? (2 marks)**

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**3. Find and copy one adjective from the text that describes the atmosphere of the market. (1 mark)**

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**4. Why do you think the farmer gave Max a free peach? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text. (2 marks)**

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**5. How did Max feel at the end of his trip? Use the text to support your answer. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max sitting on the bench enjoying his fruit. Make sure you include the items he purchased at the market.



*Extension challenge: Imagine you are the farmer at the market. Write a short diary entry describing your morning and mention your interaction with the polite customer, Max.*