

Max's Magnificent Maths Market Spelling Challenge

Learning objective: To practise spelling words with the prefix 'sub-', 'inter-', and 'auto-', and to apply them correctly in context.

Read the story below about Max the monkey. Identify the missing words from the word bank to complete the sentences. Ensure your spelling is accurate, paying close attention to the prefixes.

Max was very busy at his school market stall. He had designed an (1) _____ door that opened whenever a customer walked up. 'I love how people (2) _____ with my inventions,' Max chirped. He spent the morning reading an (3) _____ newspaper to see what other schools were doing. Later, Max decided to test his toy (4) _____ in the paddling pool. He loved to watch it (5) _____ under the water. Before the day ended, he was so famous that he had to sign his first (6) _____ for a fan!

Word bank: submerge · interact · automatic · submarine · international · autograph

1. Which prefix is used in the words 'submarine' and 'submerge'? What do you think this prefix means based on the context of the story? (2 marks)

2. Find a word in the passage that uses the prefix 'inter-'. Explain why this word is important to the way the market runs. (2 marks)

3. Write a sentence of your own using the word 'automatic'. Remember to use a capital letter and a full stop. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think Max needed to sign an 'autograph'? What does this tell us about his popularity? (2 marks)

5. Look at the word 'international'. Can you identify the root word hidden inside it? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max's invention at the school market. Show how the 'automatic' door works and include a sign for his stall.



Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you think of two more words that start with the prefix 'auto-'? Use a dictionary or your own knowledge to find them and write a definition for each.