

# Max's Magnificent Maths-Spelling Challenge

*Learning objective: To spell words with common prefixes and suffixes, and to correctly use homophones in context.*

Read the passage below carefully. Max the monkey has hidden some spelling mistakes in his notes! Use the word bank to help you identify the correct spellings and answer the questions.

Max was busy counting his coins at the local supermarket. He had £5.50 in his pocket. Suddenly, he saw a bright light in the sky. It was a dark night, but the light made the shadows disappear. He heard a strange noise, almost like a herd of elephants running past. Max checked his map, but his directions were incorrect. He felt a bit disappointed, but his knowledge of the stars helped him find his way home.

*Word bank: disappear · disappoint · incorrect · submerge · submarine · supermarket · knowledge · knight · night · heard · herd*

**1. Find two examples of homophones from the word bank used in the passage and explain the difference in their meanings. (2 marks)**

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**2. Identify the prefix used in the words 'disappear' and 'incorrect'. What does this prefix usually mean? (2 marks)**

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**3. Max spent £2.40 on fruit at the shop. If he started with £5.50, how much money does he have left? Show your working. (2 marks)**

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**4. Why do you think the word 'knowledge' is tricky to spell? Identify the silent letter. (2 marks)**

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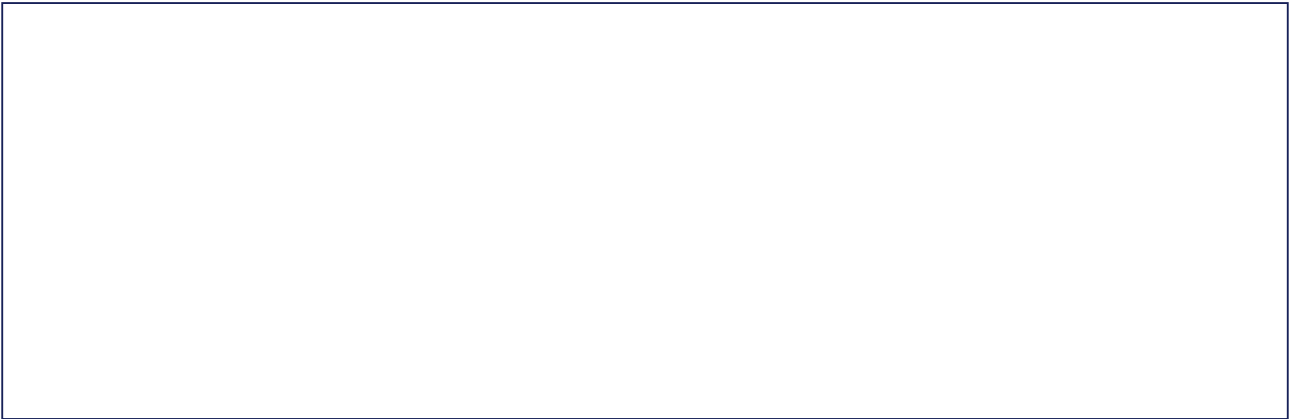
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5. Choose one word from the word bank that starts with 'sub-' and write a sentence of your own using that word. (2 marks)

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max the monkey stargazing at night, including one 'submarine' hidden in a nearby pond!



*Extension challenge: Can you find three more words that use the prefix 'dis-' or 'sub-'? Write them down and look up their definitions in a dictionary to see if they follow the same pattern.*