

Max's Magnificent Market Maths

Learning objective: To practise spelling words with the 'i' sound spelt 'y', as well as common Year 4 homophones and word endings.

Read the story below carefully. Some words have been hidden or scrambled. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences and check your spelling. Remember to use your best handwriting!

Max the monkey was excited for the Saturday market. He hopped onto his shiny red bicycle and cycled all the way to the town square. He saw a large herd of cows being led by a farmer. Max had heard that the farmer made the best honey in the village. 'I wonder if their stall is nearby,' Max thought. He looked around and saw a sign that said, 'They're over there near the sports field!' Max was happy because he loved watching gymnastics and hoped to see a performance later. He even read a book about an ancient myth while he ate his snack.

Word bank: myth · gymnastics · bicycle · system · heard · herd · their · there · they're

1. Using the word bank, find the correct homophone to complete this sentence: 'I _____ a loud noise coming from the forest,' said Leo the lion. (2 marks)

2. Max travelled to the market on a _____. Can you spell it correctly? (1 mark)

3. Explain the difference between 'there' and 'their' using a full sentence. (2 marks)

4. Write a sentence using the word 'gymnastics' to describe what Zara the zebra might do at the market. (2 marks)

5. Which word from the story is a synonym for a traditional story that explains a natural event or belief? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey riding his bicycle to the market, and draw a thought bubble showing what he is looking forward to seeing.



Extension challenge: Choose two of the homophones from the word bank (e.g., heard/herd) and write a short, funny paragraph that uses both words correctly.