

Max's Magnificent Maths Shop: Enhancing Your Vocabulary

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to describe objects and improve the quality of writing.

Max the monkey is opening a shop for his friends, but his labels are a bit boring! Help him upgrade his descriptions using the word bank and your own creative ideas. Use an expanded noun phrase for each item (e.g., 'a shimmering, golden telescope').

Max has gathered items for his shop. He has a telescope for Nova, a map for Finn, and a collection of colourful jars for Bea. He wants his shop to sound exciting so that all his friends will want to visit.

Word bank: shimmering · enormous · ancient · vibrant · fragile · sparkling · mysterious · cluttered · delicate · polished

1. Find a word from the word bank that could describe Nova's telescope and explain why it is a good choice. (2 marks)

2. Write an expanded noun phrase to describe the map Max is selling to Finn. Remember to include at least two adjectives. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max wants to use 'vibrant' instead of 'bright' to describe the jars in his shop? (2 marks)

4. Choose one item from the shop and write a full sentence describing it using a prepositional phrase (e.g., 'The telescope sat upon the dusty shelf'). (2 marks)

5. If Max wanted to sell a book to Pip, what adjectives would you use to describe it? List three. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max's shop, including at least three of the items you described, adding labels with your new expanded noun phrases.



Extension challenge: Write a short, persuasive advert for Max's shop using at least five of your new descriptive words. Try to include a fronted adverbial to start one of your sentences!