

# Max's Market Stall Addition

*Learning objective: To add numbers with up to four digits using formal written methods of columnar addition.*

Help Max the monkey work out the total cost of his fruit stall items. Set your work out using the column addition method, ensuring you align your place value columns correctly. Remember to carry your tens, hundreds, or thousands where necessary!

Max has opened a lovely fruit stall in the village square. He has been very busy recording his sales. Today, he sold a crate of shiny red apples for £1,245 and a basket of juicy pears for £2,368. Later in the afternoon, a customer bought a large box of oranges for £1,475 and a crate of golden bananas for £1,159. Max needs to add these amounts together to keep his accounts tidy.

*Word bank: total · sum · column · place value · carry · addition · altogether*

**1. What is the total cost of the apples (£1,245) and the pears (£2,368) added together? (2 marks)**

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**2. Calculate the sum of the oranges (£1,475) and the bananas (£1,159). (2 marks)**

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**3. Max sold an extra bag of plums for £342. Add this to the cost of the apples (£1,245). What is the new total? (2 marks)**

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**4. If Max earns £2,500 in the morning and £1,850 in the afternoon, how much has he earned in total for the day? (2 marks)**

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**5. Explain why it is important to line up your digits in the correct columns when adding numbers like 1,475 and 1,159. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max's fruit stall. Include the crates of fruit mentioned in the passage and label them with their prices (£1,245, £2,368, £1,475, and £1,159). Make sure the stall looks bright and welcoming!



*Extension challenge: Max has a secret mystery item that costs £500 more than the oranges. Work out the cost of the mystery item, then add it to the total cost of the apples, pears, and bananas. What is the grand total for all five items?*