

# Adventures in the Whispering Woods

*Learning objective: To identify, understand, and use expanded noun phrases with adjectives to improve descriptive writing.*

Read the story below about Max the monkey and his forest friends. Then, answer the questions to show how well you understand the adjectives used.

Max the monkey was exploring the Whispering Woods. He swung from a sturdy branch, looking down at the damp forest floor. Above him, the ancient trees stretched towards the sky, their leafy canopies creating a cool, green shade. Max spotted Nova the owl perched on a jagged rock. She was watching a shimmering stream that bubbled over smooth stones. 'Look at those vibrant flowers!' Max chirped, pointing to a patch of bright petals. He loved the peaceful atmosphere of the woodland, where every corner held a new, exciting mystery for him to solve.

*Word bank: magnificent · damp · vibrant · gigantic · shimmering · cheerful · ancient*

**1. Find and copy two adjectives from the text that describe the trees or the forest floor. (2 marks)**

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**2. Why do you think the author chose the adjective 'shimmering' to describe the stream? (2 marks)**

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**3. Look at the phrase 'jagged rock'. Can you think of a different adjective that could replace 'jagged' to describe a rock? (1 mark)**

**4. Max sees 'vibrant flowers'. Using your own words, describe what the flowers might look like based on that adjective. (2 marks)**

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**5. Write a sentence of your own using the adjective 'magnificent' to describe something Max might find in the woods. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw the scene Max describes, making sure to include the 'vibrant' flowers and the 'shimmering' stream. Label your drawing with at least four adjectives.



*Extension challenge: Choose one of the objects from the story (the trees, the rock, or the stream) and write two expanded noun phrases for it. An expanded noun phrase uses two adjectives and a noun, like 'the dark, mysterious cave'.*