

Adjective Adventures with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and use a range of adjectives to add detail and description to writing.

Read the story below about Max. Underline all the adjectives you can find, then answer the questions to show how you can improve sentences using descriptive language.

Max the monkey sat on an emerald branch, looking down at the jungle floor. He held a tricky puzzle in his small, furry hands. Below him, a sparkling river wound through the forest like a silver ribbon. Max loved finding patterns in the dazzling leaves and the mysterious shadows that danced on the ground. He was a curious monkey who always looked for a new challenge.

Word bank: vibrant · enormous · tricky · dazzling · cautious · emerald · sparkling · mysterious

1. Find two adjectives in the passage that describe the jungle environment. Write them below. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think the author chose the adjective 'tricky' to describe the puzzle Max is holding? (2 marks)

3. Rewrite this sentence by adding two adjectives: 'The monkey climbed the tree.' (2 marks)

4. Look at the word bank. Choose one adjective to describe the river and explain why you chose it. (2 marks)

5. If Max found a shiny, golden treasure chest, what two adjectives would you use to describe it? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey in the forest. Label your drawing using at least four interesting adjectives to describe his appearance and his surroundings.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a magical jungle fruit. Try to use at least one adjective for colour, one for size, and one for how the fruit feels to touch.