

Adjective Adventures with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and use expanded noun phrases and descriptive adjectives to add detail to writing.

Read the story about Max the Monkey below. Once you have finished, answer the questions to show how adjectives help make our writing more exciting for the reader.

Max the monkey was feeling very energetic today. He swung through the tangled vines of the rainforest, looking for a snack. He spotted a colossal tree filled with delicious fruit. High above, the shimmering sun poked through the vibrant green leaves. Max, who was a very curious monkey, decided to climb to the very top to see the view. From up there, the whole forest looked like a beautiful, leafy carpet.

Word bank: vibrant · colossal · energetic · shimmering · tangled · delicious · curious

1. Find and copy three adjectives used in the story to describe objects or places. (3 marks)

2. Why do you think the author chose the word 'colossal' to describe the tree instead of just saying 'big'? (2 marks)

3. Max is described as a 'curious monkey'. What does this tell us about his personality? (2 marks)

4. Think of two new adjectives to describe the 'sun' in the story. Write them in a sentence. (2 marks)

5. Rewrite this sentence by adding two adjectives: 'The monkey held a banana.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in the tree. Make sure you draw the 'vibrant green leaves' and the 'shimmering sun' he can see from the top.



Extension challenge: Choose your favourite animal and write three 'expanded noun phrases' about them. Remember to use a comma between your two adjectives (e.g., The fluffy, grey rabbit hopped quickly).