

Adjective Adventures with Max the Monkey

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

Read the short story about Max the Monkey below. Underline all the adjectives you can find, then use the word bank to help you complete the sentences and writing tasks.

Max the monkey sat on the branch of an ancient oak tree. He was searching for a hidden treasure map. Suddenly, he spotted a shimmering object tucked inside a hollow trunk. He reached out with his clumsy paws and pulled out a vibrant, patterned scroll. It was an enormous map that showed the way to a secret jungle waterfall. Max felt a startling rush of excitement as he began to plan his next big adventure.

Word bank: magnificent · enormous · shimmering · clumsy · vibrant · ancient · delicate · startling

1. Find three adjectives from the story that describe objects. Write them down below. (3 marks)

2. Why do you think the author chose the word 'clumsy' to describe Max's paws? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

3. Choose one adjective from the word bank and write a new sentence about Max finding a piece of fruit. (2 marks)

4. If Max bought a compass for his journey, it cost £4.50. If he paid with a £10 note, how much change would he receive? Show your calculation. (2 marks)

5. Look at the phrase 'startling rush'. What does the word 'startling' tell us about how Max is feeling? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the 'vibrant' map that Max found. Include at least three different features on the map and label them using descriptive adjectives.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a new, mysterious location Max discovers. Try to use at least four powerful adjectives to help the reader visualise the scene.