

Creative Writing Word Mat: Crafting Adventures

Learning objective: To use a range of descriptive vocabulary and adventurous sentence structures to enhance creative writing.

Read the passage about Max the monkey's jungle discovery. Use the word bank to help you write a short story continuation. Then, answer the questions to show your understanding of descriptive techniques.

Max the monkey swung through the high canopy, his tail curled tight around a sturdy branch. Below him, the forest floor was a patchwork of shadows and sunlight. Suddenly, he spotted something unusual tucked behind an ancient tree. It was a small, wooden chest, half-buried in the moss. Max climbed down cautiously, his heart thumping with excitement. He had never seen such a mysterious object in all his years exploring the jungle.

Word bank: magnificent · rustling · enormous · shimmering · cautiously · mysterious · vibrant · whispering · dazzling · unexpectedly · ancient · emerald

1. Find two adjectives in the passage that describe the jungle environment. Explain why the author chose them. (2 marks)

2. If Max were to open the chest, what do you think he might find? Use one word from the word bank to describe the object. (2 marks)

3. Change the sentence 'Max climbed down' to include an adverb from the word bank to show how he was feeling. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the author described the forest floor as a 'patchwork'? What does this tell the reader about the light? (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence describing the sound Max heard, using the word 'whispering' or 'rustling'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw what you imagine is hidden inside the mysterious wooden chest that Max discovered in the jungle.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing what happens when Max opens the chest. Try to include at least three adjectives from the word bank and one adverb.