

# A Day in the Meadow with Max and Zara

*Learning objective: To identify and distinguish between nouns and verbs within a short narrative text.*

Read the story below carefully. Look for the naming words (nouns) and the action words (verbs) to help you answer the questions.

Max the monkey sat under the tall oak tree. He carefully counted seven shiny acorns. Nearby, Zara the zebra painted a beautiful picture of the meadow. She swished her tail and dipped her brush into a pot of bright blue paint. The sun warmed the grass while a gentle breeze rustled the leaves. Max smiled at his friend, and they shared a delicious snack of bananas.

*Word bank: Noun · Verb · Action · Person · Place · Thing*

**1. Find and list three nouns from the first two sentences. Remember, a noun is a person, place, or thing. (3 marks)**

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**2. Find and list three verbs from the passage. Remember, a verb is an action word. (3 marks)**

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**3. In the sentence 'Max smiled at his friend', which word is the verb? Explain how you know. (2 marks)**

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**4. Identify the noun in this phrase: 'a pot of bright blue paint'. (1 mark)**

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**5. If Max had 8 acorns instead of 7, and he found 5 more, how many would he have in total? Is 'acorns' a noun or a verb? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max and Zara in the meadow. Label one noun (like 'tree') and one verb (like 'jumping' or 'painting') in your drawing.



*Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own about your favourite hobby. Underline all the nouns in red and circle all the verbs in blue.*