

Adventures with Max and Zara: Nouns and Verbs

Learning objective: To identify and use nouns and verbs correctly within sentences.

Read the story below. Use a blue pencil to circle the nouns (people, places, or things) and a green pencil to underline the verbs (doing or being words). Then, follow the drawing prompt at the bottom of the page.

Max the monkey lives in a green jungle. Every morning, he decides to climb the tallest tree to find breakfast. He spots some yellow bananas hanging from a branch. Nearby, Zara the zebra begins to paint a picture. She holds a thin brush and covers her canvas with bright colours. Max watches her work and starts to jump for joy because he loves art.

Word bank: Max · monkey · jungle · climb · bananas · paint · canvas · brush · jump · smile

1. List two nouns from the passage that represent a place or a thing. (2 marks)

2. Find two verbs in the passage that describe what Max is doing. (2 marks)

3. Why does Max feel happy in the story? Use a noun and a verb in your answer. (2 marks)

4. Write your own sentence using one noun and one verb from the word bank. (2 marks)

5. If Max bought three bananas for £2 each, how much would he spend in total? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey helping Zara the zebra in her art studio. Label one noun (like 'brush') and one verb (like 'paint') in your drawing.



Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a new hobby for Max. Try to include at least three nouns and three verbs, and underline them using your blue and green pencils.