

# Paragraphs with Max the Maths Monkey

*Learning objective: To understand how to organise writing into paragraphs around a theme.*

Read the story about Max the Maths Monkey below. It is currently all jumbled up! Read the text carefully, then complete the questions. Once you have finished, use the drawing prompt to illustrate one of Max's adventures.

Max the monkey sat in the ancient oak tree with his notebook. He loved to solve problems. First, he counted the red apples on the left branch. There were twelve shiny apples, each costing 50p at the market. He scribbled the total price of £6.00 in his book. Suddenly, Max spotted a golden butterfly landing on a flower. It had beautiful patterns on its wings that looked like tiny triangles and squares. He spent an hour sketching the shapes, wondering if they could form a geometric sequence. After his hard work, Max felt hungry. He climbed down to find his lunch, feeling proud of the maths puzzles he had solved today.

*Word bank: theme · paragraph · topic · structure · introduction · conclusion*

**1. Identify the two different themes Max is thinking about in the passage. Why should these be split into two separate paragraphs? (2 marks)**

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**2. If you were to rewrite the passage into two paragraphs, where would you place the break and why? (2 marks)**

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**3. What is the total cost of the apples if Max bought four more at the same price of 50p each? (2 marks)**

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**4. Find and copy an adjective from the text that describes the butterfly. (1 mark)**

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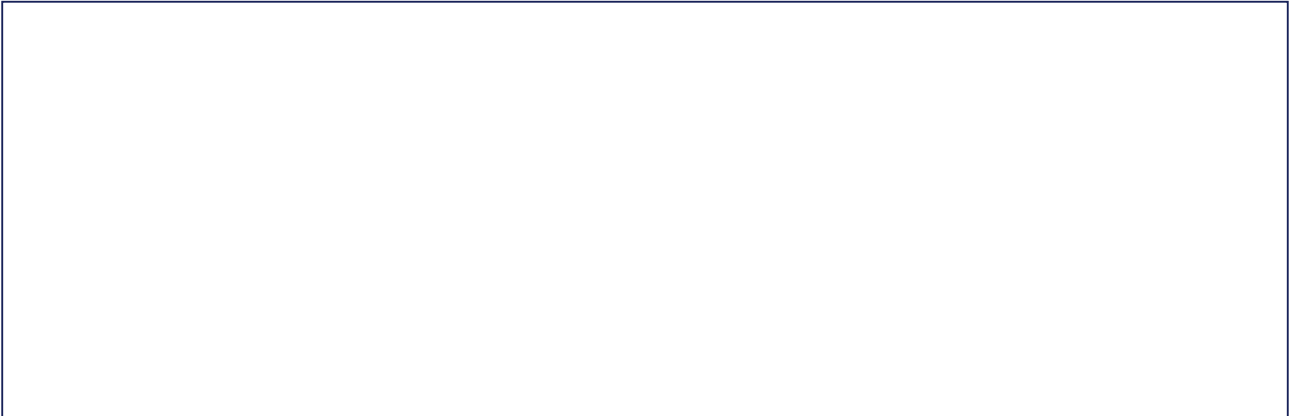
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**5. Why does Max use a notebook? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in his tree. Make sure you include his notebook with some of his maths puzzles on one side, and the golden butterfly with its geometric wing patterns on the other side.



*Extension challenge: Write a third paragraph for the story. In this paragraph, describe Max meeting his friend Pip the caterpillar and sharing a snack. Remember to start a new paragraph because the topic has changed!*