

Max the Maths Monkey's Spelling Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use words containing the 'sh' sound spelt with 'ch' (e.g., chef, brochure) and common Year 4 homophones.

Read the story below. Find the words that have a hidden 'sh' sound and write them in your book. Then, answer the questions to help Max solve his spelling puzzle.

Max the monkey was planning a grand picnic. He felt like a professional chef as he chopped fruit for the guests. He looked at his colourful brochure to find the best spot in the park. 'I shall take the slide, which is like a giant chute!' Max cheered. He carefully packed his parachute just in case he needed to float down from the trees. Later that night, he saw a brave knight riding through the woods. The knight had already passed the old oak tree and was happy to be part of the group's celebration.

Word bank: chef · brochure · machine · chute · parachute · knight · night · past · passed

1. Find two words in the story that contain the 'ch' spelling but sound like 'sh'. Write them below. (2 marks)

2. Max says 'night' and 'knight' sound the same but have different meanings. These are called homophones. Explain the difference between these two words. (2 marks)

3. Look at the words 'past' and 'passed'. Write a sentence using 'passed' to describe Max giving a banana to a friend. (2 marks)

4. Why does Max need a brochure for his picnic? (1 mark)

5. Can you think of another word that uses 'ch' to make the 'sh' sound? (Hint: It is something you might use to clean your floor). (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey acting like a chef in his kitchen, wearing a tall white hat.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a secret mission using at least three of the words from the word bank. Make sure you use 'night' and 'knight' correctly!