

Max the Maths Monkey's Spelling Mystery

Learning objective: To practise spelling words containing the /tʃ/ sound spelt with '-tion', '-ssion', '-ssional' or '-ssioner' and common Year 4 homophones.

Max the Maths Monkey has been sorting his collection of number puzzles, but he has mixed up some of his spelling words! Read the story below and fill in the missing words from the word bank to help Max get his puzzles organised.

Max the monkey was busy working on a new puzzle. He needed to find the right 'action' to solve the problem. He asked his friend for 'permission' to use the calculators at the local 'station'. He hoped a 'professional' mathematician would help him. Max had written a story about a 'fiction' hero who had a magical 'possession' that could fly. When he finally 'guessed' the answer, he invited a special 'guest' over to celebrate with a banana feast.

Word bank: possession · action · permission · professional · fiction · station · guessed · guest

1. Find and copy the word from the passage that describes someone who is an expert at their job. (1 mark)

2. Explain the difference between the homophones 'guessed' and 'guest'. Use them in two separate sentences of your own. (3 marks)

3. Why do you think Max needed to ask for 'permission' before taking the calculators? (2 marks)

4. Identify the suffix used in the words 'action' and 'station'. What sound does this suffix make? (2 marks)

5. Can you think of another word ending in '-tion' that isn't in the word bank? Write it down and check the spelling. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the Maths Monkey sitting at a desk with his calculator and his favourite book, showing the 'fiction' story he wrote.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the word bank and write a short, exciting paragraph about a secret adventure. Can you include at least one more word ending in '-sion' or '-tion' that you know?