

Max the Monkey's Spelling Adventure

Learning objective: To practise spelling words with the /s/ sound spelled 'c' before 'e', 'i' and 'y', and common Year 4 exception words.

Help Max the Monkey sort his spelling puzzles! Read the passage carefully and look for the hidden words. Then, answer the questions to complete the challenge.

Max the Monkey was riding his shiny red bicycle through the park. He wanted to decide which path to take. 'I am certain that the park is a century old!' he chirped. Although he felt a little naughty for being late, he knew he had to finish his homework. He looked at the earth beneath him and felt the pressure to get his spellings correct. He kept his word list in his favourite bag, which was his most prized possession.

Word bank: circle · century · decide · certain · bicycle · naughty · although · possession · earth · pressure

1. Find two words in the passage that use the letter 'c' to make the /s/ sound. Write them below. (2 marks)

2. Max thinks the park is very old. Which word from the passage means a period of 100 years? (1 mark)

3. Why was Max feeling 'naughty'? Explain using a sentence from the text. (2 marks)

4. Use the word 'certain' in a new sentence about an adventure you have been on. (2 marks)

5. Why does Max have to focus on his 'possession'? Which item is he talking about? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey riding his bicycle through a park that looks one hundred years old. Add a signpost that says 'Century Park'.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the word bank and write a short story starter where Max and Pip the caterpillar go on a treasure hunt.