

Max's Magnificent Maths Spelling Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and spell Year 4 common exception words and words with specific prefixes correctly.

Max the monkey is organising his library, but he has mixed up his word labels! Read the passage carefully to find the hidden spelling words. Then, answer the questions to help Max tidy his shelves.

Max was organising his favourite collection of books. He noticed that a label had started to disappear from the shelf. 'Oh no!' Max thought, 'I must be careful, or the books will get into a naughty muddle.' He jumped onto his bicycle to ride to the stationery shop. Although it was a long way, he felt no pressure to rush. He knew that different books needed to be sorted into the right order to make his library perfect.

Word bank: disappear · bicycle · naughty · pressure · favourite · although · different

1. Find and write down the word from the passage that means 'a person's most liked thing'. (1 mark)

2. Max says he does not feel 'pressure'. What does this word mean in the context of the story? Use a dictionary if you need to check. (2 marks)

3. Look at the word 'disappear'. Can you identify the prefix used at the start of the word? (1 mark)

4. Why does Max think the books might get into a 'naughty muddle'? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence of your own using the word 'bicycle'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in his library, surrounded by colourful books and his shiny bicycle.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the word bank and write a short story starter (3-4 sentences) that uses all three of them correctly.