

Max's Magnificent Spelling Mission

Learning objective: To practise spelling words with the /s/ sound spelled 'c' before 'e', 'i' and 'y', and to use homophones correctly.

Help Max the monkey solve his spelling puzzles by choosing the correct words from the bank and checking for common mistakes.

Max is busy organising his jungle workshop. He needs to fix the light on the ceiling so he can see his maths puzzles. He is certain that if he rides his bicycle to the store, he can find a quiet place to work in peace. He asked his friend Pip for some advice on how to spell these tricky words. Pip told him to be careful, as some words sound the same but have different meanings!

Word bank: ceiling · certain · circle · bicycle · advice · piece · peace · heard · herd

1. Using the word bank, find a word that contains the /s/ sound spelled with a 'c' and means a round shape. (1 mark)

2. Max wants to write about a group of elephants. Which homophone from the word bank should he use: 'heard' or 'herd'? Explain why. (2 marks)

3. Fill in the gap: 'I would like a _____ of fruit,' said Max, while eating his lunch. (1 mark)

4. Why does the word 'bicycle' have two different 'c' sounds? Describe the sound of the first 'c' compared to the second 'c'. (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence using the word 'certain' that shows you understand its meaning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey riding his bicycle through a forest, and label three things in your drawing that contain the letter 'c'.



Extension challenge: Can you find three more words that follow the rule of 'c' making an /s/ sound before 'e', 'i', or 'y'? Write them in a sentence about an adventure with Nova the owl.