

Max's Magnificent Maths Adventure: A Diary Entry

Learning objective: To use direct speech and correct punctuation, including inverted commas, in a diary entry format.

Imagine you are Max the monkey. Today, you solved a tricky maths puzzle in the jungle! Use this template to write your diary entry. Remember to use capital letters for names and places, and include at least two examples of direct speech using inverted commas (speech marks) to show what you said to your friends.

Word bank: exclaimed · whispered · calculated · solution · puzzled · delighted · inverted commas · punctuation

1. The Introduction: Briefly describe the maths puzzle you found in the jungle today. Remember to use a capital letter for the start of your sentence. (2 marks)

2. The Action: Describe how you solved the puzzle. Use a full stop at the end of each sentence to keep your writing clear. (3 marks)

3. Direct Speech: Write a sentence including what you said to your friend Pip the caterpillar when you found the answer. Don't forget your inverted commas! (3 marks)

4. The Reaction: Tell us how Pip reacted to your discovery. Use an exclamation mark to show surprise or excitement. (2 marks)

5. The Conclusion: How did you feel at the end of the day? Use a comma to separate clauses in your final sentence. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you go back through your diary entry and underline every piece of punctuation you have used? Check if you have used a comma after the reporting clause when writing your speech.