

Script Writing with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand and use the features of a playscript, including character names, stage directions, and dialogue.

Max the Monkey loves to turn every day into a maths puzzle! Use this template to write a short scene where Max tries to calculate how many bananas he needs for a picnic. Remember to use capital letters for names and brackets for stage directions.

Word bank: dialogue · stage directions · scene heading · character · expression · action · setting

1. Scene Setting: Describe where the scene takes place and who is on stage (e.g., [A sunny park. Max is sitting on a bench with a clipboard]). (2 marks)

2. The Opening Line: Write the first piece of dialogue for Max, including a stage direction about how he is feeling. (2 marks)

3. The Problem: Write a short exchange where another character (you choose!) asks Max a question about his maths puzzle. (3 marks)

4. The Action: Write a stage direction describing a physical movement one of the characters makes to show they are excited or confused. (2 marks)

5. The Conclusion: Write the final lines of your script to show how Max solves his puzzle. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose a friend to read your script aloud with you. Can you use different voices to show how your characters are feeling?