

Mastering Punctuation with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use a range of punctuation, including inverted commas for speech, possessive apostrophes, and commas to clarify meaning.

Help Max the Monkey write a story about his latest jungle adventure. Use the prompts below to ensure your punctuation is precise. Remember: Max loves it when every sentence is mathematically perfect!

Max the monkey swung through the emerald canopy, his eyes scanning the forest floor for his lost maths set.

Word bank: meanwhile · suddenly · in addition · consequently · Max's · the monkeys' home · he exclaimed · cautiously

1. Describe the moment Max finds his lost item. Include one piece of direct speech using inverted commas, for example: 'I have found it!' shouted Max. (3 marks)

2. Explain why the item is important to Max. Use a possessive apostrophe to show who the item belongs to (e.g., the monkey's calculator). (2 marks)

3. Max meets a friend in the forest. Describe their interaction using a comma to separate a clause, such as: 'After searching for hours, Max finally sat down.' (2 marks)

4. Add a final sentence about how they returned home. Ensure you use a full stop, exclamation mark, or question mark correctly. (2 marks)

5. Look back at your writing. Have you used an apostrophe for possession correctly? Write a sentence explaining your choice here. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a 'maths puzzle' Max finds in the jungle. Include one sentence with a fronted adverbial followed by a comma.