

Adjective Adventures with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify, use, and evaluate the impact of adjectives to enhance descriptive writing.

Help Max the monkey and Zara the zebra improve their creative writing. Answer all 10 questions to earn your 'Adjective Expert' badge!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.B, 3.A, 4.True, 5.False, 6.False, 7.Shimmering, 8.Magnificent, 9.The adjective describes the noun 'monkey' to give the reader a clearer mental image. 10. Answers will vary; ensure the adjective creates a strong sensory effect.

Word bank: magnificent · dull · vibrant · enormous · colossal · tiny · fragile · shimmering

1. 1. Max is looking at a piece of fruit. Which word is an adjective? A) Eat B) Quickly C) Juicy D) Swiftly (1 mark)

2. 2. Zara wants to describe her stripes. Which adjective creates the most vivid image? A) Okay B) Iridescent C) Usual D) Flat (1 mark)

3. 3. Identify the adjective in this sentence: 'The clever monkey solved the tricky puzzle.' A) Clever B) Monkey C) Solved D) Puzzle (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: Adjectives can be used to describe both people and places. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The word 'run' is an adjective. (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Adjectives always come after the noun they describe. (1 mark)

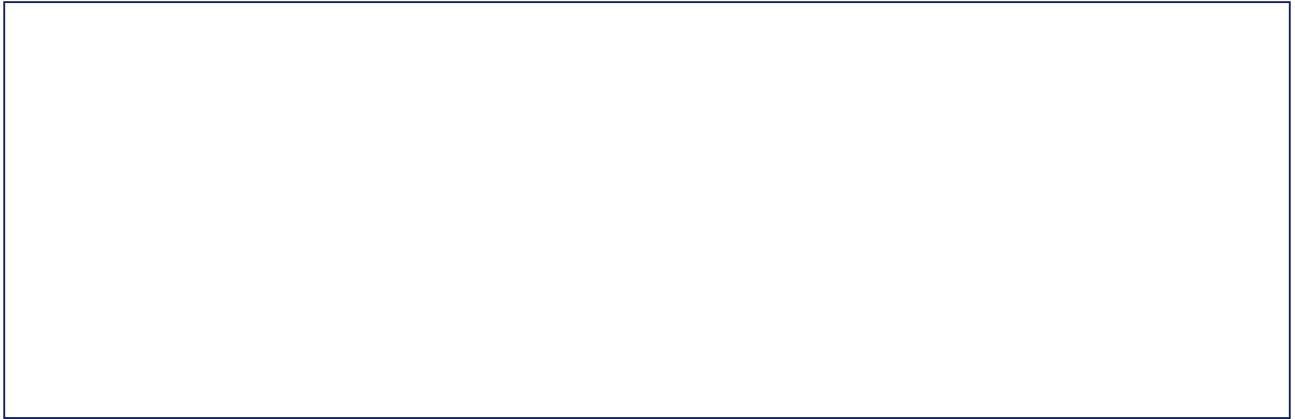
7. 7. Fill in the blank with an appropriate adjective: 'The _____ stars twinkled in the night sky.' (1 mark)

8. 8. Choose the best synonym for 'very big' to describe a mountain: A) Small B) Magnificent C) Colossal D) Tiny (1 mark)

9. 9. Explain why writers use adjectives in their stories. (2 marks) (2 marks)

10. 10. Compare the phrases 'a dog' and 'a scruffy, energetic dog'. Why does the second phrase make a story more engaging? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a jungle. Label your drawing with at least four powerful adjectives (e.g., 'emerald leaves', 'curious eyes').



Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a story about a hidden treasure chest found by Zara. Write two sentences describing the chest. In the first, use simple adjectives. In the second, justify why using 'ambitious' adjectives (like 'glistening', 'ancient', or 'mysterious') changes the atmosphere of your story. What might happen if you removed all adjectives from your writing?