

A Day in the Life: Diary Writing with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To write a personal diary entry using the first-person perspective, past tense, and emotive language.

Read each question carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided. Remember to use 'I' and write about events that have already happened.

Max the monkey has had a very busy day solving maths puzzles in the jungle and needs your help to finish his diary entry about it.

Word bank: yesterday · suddenly · excitedly · thoughtfully · adventure · consequently · afterwards · unforgettable · mysterious · puzzling

1. Max needs to start his diary entry. Write two sentences introducing what he did this morning, using the first-person perspective (e.g., 'I woke up...'). (2 marks)

2. Max found a mysterious box with a sequence of numbers on it. Use the word 'suddenly' to describe how he felt when he solved the puzzle. (2 marks)

3. Why is it important to use the past tense when writing a diary? Give one reason. (1 mark)

4. Max went to the market to buy supplies for his next puzzle. He spent £4.50 on a notepad and £2.75 on a new pen. Write a sentence in your diary entry explaining how much he spent in total. (2 marks)

5. Choose two words from the word bank to describe how Max felt at the end of his day and explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey sitting in the jungle with his notebook, a pencil, and the mysterious number box he solved today.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph for tomorrow's diary entry imagining what new puzzle Max might find hidden under the giant fern leaves.