

Max's Magnificent Maths Adventure: A Diary Entry

Learning objective: To use paragraphs to organise information and ideas when writing a recount.

Use this template to help Max the monkey record his latest maths mystery. Remember that a new paragraph helps the reader when you change the time, the place, or the topic of your writing. Use the word bank to help make your sentences more descriptive.

Word bank: calculation · conundrum · sequence · baffling · solution · logical · suddenly · meanwhile · furthermore · consequently

1. Introduction: Describe where Max is and what mathematical mystery he has discovered today. (2 marks)

2. The Investigation: Explain the steps Max took to try and solve the puzzle. Why was it difficult? (3 marks)

3. The Discovery: Describe the moment Max found the solution. How did he feel? (2 marks)

4. Reflection: Justify why this puzzle was important to solve. What might happen if Max hadn't found the answer? (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: How did Max's feelings change from the beginning of the day to the end? (2 marks)

6. Explain why: Why is it important to use a new paragraph when Max starts his reflection at the end? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining what Max would do if he found a bag of coins worth £15.75. Use at least three of the words from the word bank and ensure your paragraph is clearly separated from your diary entry.