

Max's Magnificent Spelling Challenge

Learning objective: To improve spelling accuracy, focusing on Year 4 statutory word lists, prefixes, and homophones.

Help Max the monkey solve these spelling puzzles! Read each question carefully and select the correct answer or write your response in the space provided. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.B, 3.False, 4.heard, 5.possession, 6.True, 7.disappear, 8.Caught, 9.Answers will vary (e.g., 'I heard the herd of elephants move.'), 10.Answers will vary (e.g., 'The prefix 'dis-' means not or opposite, so appear becomes disappear.').

Word bank: possession · disappear · bicycle · caught · heard · herd · actually · favourite

1. 1. Which is the correct spelling of Max's favourite word? A) favrite B) favourit C) favourite* D) favouriet (1 mark)

2. 2. Choose the correctly spelled word: A) bycicle B) bicycle* C) bicycel D) bicicle (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The word 'actually' is spelled 'actuely'. (1 mark)

4. 4. Fill in the gap: I _____ a strange noise coming from the jungle. (1 mark)

5. 5. Spell the word that means 'something that you own' (starts with p, ends with n). (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: 'Herd' and 'heard' are homophones. (1 mark)

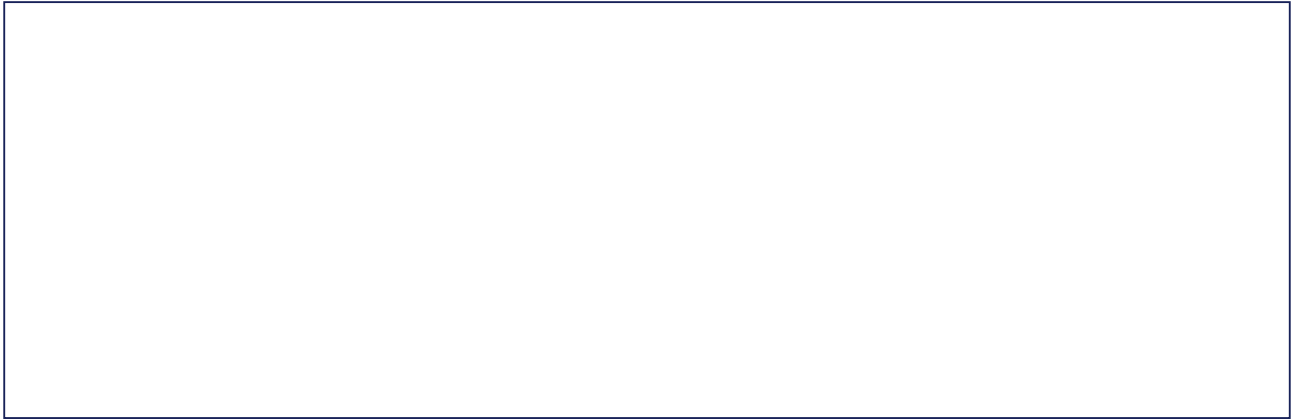
7. 7. Which prefix should you add to 'appear' to mean it has vanished? A) un- B) mis- C) dis-* D) re- (1 mark)

8. 8. Spell the past tense of 'catch'. (1 mark)

9. 9. Justify your answer: Use both 'heard' and 'herd' in one sentence to show you understand the difference. (1 mark)

10. 10. Explain why: Why does adding the prefix 'dis-' change the meaning of the word 'appear'? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting on a tree branch, holding a giant pencil, and surrounded by floating letters of the alphabet.



Extension challenge: Max has found a list of words that end in -sure (like measure or treasure). Can you find five more words that follow this pattern? Then, write a short, adventurous paragraph about a hidden jungle treasure using at least three of those words.