

Max's Magnificent Vocabulary Challenge

Learning objective: To enhance vocabulary by exploring synonyms, antonyms, prefixes, and word classes to improve descriptive writing.

Help Max the monkey solve these vocabulary puzzles! Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use precise vocabulary in your answers.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.vibrant, 5.Prefix, 6.False, 7.Enormous, 8.Tranquil, 9.A synonym is a word that means the same as another, while an antonym is the opposite. 10.Accept any valid sentence using 'magnificent' correctly.

Word bank: magnificent · enormous · tranquil · vibrant · ancient · prefix · suffix · synonym · antonym

1. 1. Which word is a synonym for 'tiny'? A) Enormous B) Miniature* C) Massive D) Gigantic (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'Happy' and 'Joyful' are synonyms. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Adding the suffix '-less' to 'fear' creates a word that means someone who is afraid. (1 mark)

4. 4. Complete the sentence with the best adjective: The sunset over the ocean was _____ with shades of deep orange and purple. (1 mark)

5. 5. Is 'un-' in the word 'unhappy' a prefix or a suffix? (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: 'Ancient' is an antonym for 'modern'. (1 mark)

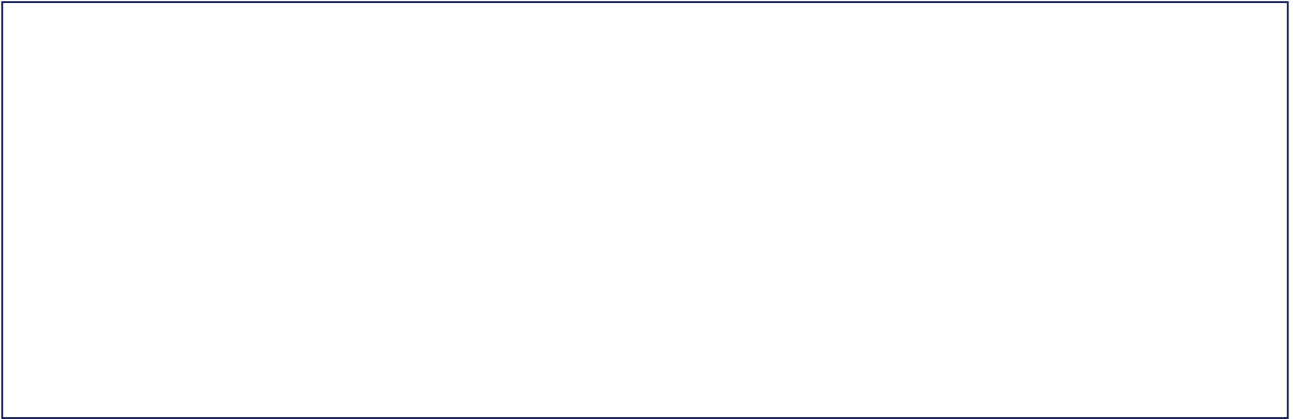
7. 7. Give an antonym for the word 'tiny'. (1 mark)

8. 8. Which word best describes a quiet, peaceful forest? A) Chaotic B) Noisy C) Tranquil* D) Frantic (1 mark)

9. 9. Explain the difference between a synonym and an antonym. (1 mark)

10. 10. Write a sentence using the word 'magnificent' to describe a historical landmark. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents the word 'vibrant'. Think about how you can use bright colours and patterns to show this word in action.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Questions: 1. Justify why an author might choose the word 'sprinted' instead of 'ran' in a story. 2. What might happen to the meaning of a sentence if you replaced a formal word with an informal slang word? 3. Compare and contrast the words 'gloomy' and 'miserable'. Are they exact synonyms? Why or why not? 4. If you were to invent a new word for 'a group of energetic monkeys', what would it be and why? 5. Explain why using a variety of adjectives makes a piece of writing more engaging for the reader. 6. Rewrite this sentence using more sophisticated vocabulary: 'The dog went to the shop and bought a bone for £5.'