

Descriptive Adventures with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases to add detail and interest to descriptive writing.

Use your knowledge of adjectives and prepositional phrases to describe the scene below. Remember to expand your nouns by adding a determiner, adjectives, and a prepositional phrase to build a vivid picture for the reader.

Max the monkey and Zara the zebra stepped into the forgotten, overgrown jungle that lay hidden behind the old stone wall.

Word bank: shimmering · ancient · with · behind · beneath · vibrant · mysterious · beside · enormous · through

1. Describe the jungle plants using an expanded noun phrase: The thick vines... (2 marks)

2. Describe the sky above them using an expanded noun phrase: The bright sun... (2 marks)

3. Describe a creature they might see using an expanded noun phrase: A small creature... (2 marks)

4. Describe the sound of the jungle using an expanded noun phrase: The distant noises... (2 marks)

5. Describe how Max and Zara feel using an expanded noun phrase: The brave explorers... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you write a final paragraph describing a hidden treasure they find? Try to include at least two expanded noun phrases and one conjunction to link your ideas.