

Character Creation Station with Pip and Max

Learning objective: To identify and use adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe character appearance and personality.

Read the descriptions of our friends Pip the caterpillar and Max the monkey, then answer the questions below to test your descriptive skills!

Pip is a cheerful, emerald-green caterpillar with a tiny pair of round glasses perched on his nose. He is incredibly patient and loves to read dusty books all afternoon. Max is an energetic monkey who has messy, golden-brown fur and a long, curly tail. He is very curious and always carries a wooden abacus to solve maths puzzles.

Word bank: adjective · personality · appearance · expanded noun phrase · adverb · characteristics · vivid · detail

1. 1. Which of these is an example of an expanded noun phrase used to describe Max? A) A monkey, B) Messy, golden-brown fur*, C) He is fast, D) A long tail. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'Cheerful' is an adjective that describes Pip's personality. (1 mark)

3. 3. What word describes the colour of Pip? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which word in the passage tells us how Pip feels when he reads? A) Tiny, B) Dusty, C) Cheerful*, D) Round. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Max's tail is described as 'straight'. (1 mark)

6. 6. What item does Max carry to help him solve his maths puzzles? (1 mark)

7. 7. Which adjective describes the books Pip reads? A) New, B) Dusty*, C) Bright, D) Heavy. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Pip wears glasses. (1 mark)

9. 9. If you wanted to describe Max's movement, which adverb could you add? A) Quickly, B) Blue, C) Soft, D) Large. (1 mark)

10. 10. Does the passage describe Pip's appearance or his favourite food? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a new friend for Pip and Max! Make sure to include at least three adjectives in your drawing labels, such as 'spiky', 'glittery', or 'kind'.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences describing a character you have created. Use one expanded noun phrase (e.g., 'the fluffy, white rabbit') and one adjective to describe their personality (e.g., 'brave').