

Max and Leo's Festive Story Quiz

Learning objective: To identify key features of a narrative, including setting, characterisation, and descriptive language within a Christmas story context.

Help Max the monkey and Leo the lion solve these festive story questions. Read the questions carefully and choose the best answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.A, 5.Adjective, 6.B, 7.True, 8.Climax, 9.B, 10.Setting. Note to teacher: The passage is for internal use to support the marking of these core curriculum concepts.

Word bank: atmosphere · narrative · adverb · adjective · setting · climax · protagonist · festive

1. 1. Which word best describes the mood of a cosy Christmas story by a fireplace? A) Gloomy B) Tense C) Atmospheric D) Scientific (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The 'protagonist' is the main character in the story. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Every story must end with a sad event to be considered a proper Christmas story. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is an example of an 'adverb' used to describe how someone opens a present? A) Excitedly B) Shiny C) Large D) Golden (1 mark)

5. 5. If a writer describes snow as 'glittering', what type of word have they used? (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the 'climax' of a story? A) The very first sentence B) The most exciting or turning point C) The list of characters D) The author's name (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Using the five senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch) helps the reader imagine the story better. (1 mark)

8. 8. What do we call the time and place where a story takes place? (1 mark)

9. 9. If Max the monkey buys 3 star-shaped decorations for £2.50 each, how much did he spend in total? A) £6.50 B) £7.50 C) £5.50 D) £8.00 (1 mark)

**10. 10. Which part of a story introduces the characters and where they are at the beginning?
(1 mark)**

**Draw: Draw Leo the lion and Max the monkey decorating a magical, snowy tree in a forest.
Make sure to include lots of detail about the scene's atmosphere!**



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) describing a festive scene using at least two adjectives and two adverbs. Leo the lion loves poetry, so try to include one rhyming couplet at the end!