Max’s Magnificent Story Builder

Learning objective: To use adventurous adjectives and expanded noun phrases to create a short descriptive paragraph.

Max the monkey is trying to write a story about a hidden jungle temple, but he needs your help to make it more exciting! Choose words from the word bank to fill in the gaps and add descriptive detail to the sentences below. Make sure your choices make the reader feel like they are really there.

Word bank: glistening · ancient · emerald · whispering · tangled · mysterious · golden · vibrant

1. 1. Deep within the _____ jungle, vines hung from the trees like _____ ropes. (2 marks)

2. 2. Max found an _____ door covered in _____ moss, hidden behind a _____ waterfall. (3 marks)

3. 3. The air was filled with the sound of _____ leaves and _____ birds calling out to each other. (2 marks)

4. 4. Write your own sentence describing what Max might find inside the temple. Try to use at least one adjective from the word bank. (3 marks)

5. 5. Why do you think using 'expanded noun phrases' (like 'vibrant, emerald leaves') makes a story more interesting for the reader? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the hidden jungle temple that Max has discovered. Include the waterfall and the ancient door you described in your writing.

Extension challenge: Choose one of your sentences and try to add a 'fronted adverbial' to the start of it to tell us where or when the action happens. For example: 'High above the trees, the birds sang.'