

Max's Magnificent Mystery Story Frame

Learning objective: To write an imaginative story using a clear structure, descriptive vocabulary, and varied sentence openers.

Use this writing frame to help Max the monkey solve a mystery! Think about who the characters are, what the mystery is, and how it gets solved. Use the word bank to make your writing more exciting.

The sun was just beginning to peek over the horizon when Max noticed that his favourite golden compass had vanished from his backpack.

Word bank: suddenly · meanwhile · without warning · cautiously · trembling with excitement · in the distance · before long · mysterious · astonishing · eventually

1. Introduction: Who is with Max, and where are they searching for the missing item? Start with: 'Max looked at his friend [Name] and sighed, "It must be here somewhere!" They were currently at...' (2 marks)

2. The Clue: What strange clue do they find? Start with: 'Suddenly, they spotted something unusual tucked behind a large rock. It was a...' (2 marks)

3. The Problem: What makes the mystery harder to solve? Start with: 'Just as they reached for the clue, a loud noise made them jump. They realised that...' (2 marks)

4. The Solution: How do they use their wits to solve the mystery? Start with: 'Max had a clever idea. He decided to...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: How does the story end? Start with: 'Finally, they found the compass! Everything was back to normal, and they felt...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a sentence using a simile (e.g., 'The clue sparkled like a diamond') to describe your mystery object?