

## Max's Neat Writing Challenge

*Learning objective: To practise correct letter formation, spacing, and understanding of how to present written work clearly.*

Help Max the monkey get his handwriting perfect! Read each question carefully and write your answer clearly on the lines provided.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Finger space, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Baseline, 10. A. Max says: Keep your back straight and your paper still to write your best!

*Word bank: Finger space · Ascender · Descender · Baseline · Pencil · Neat*

1. 1. Which tool should you use to write your letters? A) A crayon B) A pencil C) A paintbrush D) A marker (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: We should use finger spaces between each word so people can read them easily. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: It is okay to scribble over your letters if you make a tiny mistake. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which part of the letter 'b' goes up high? A) A descender B) An ascender C) A loop D) A tail (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: All of your lowercase letters should sit neatly on the line. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: When I write, I must use a \_\_\_\_\_ between each word. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which letter has a descender that goes below the line? A) a B) c C) p D) e (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Holding your pencil with a 'tripod grip' helps you write more neatly. (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the blank: The invisible line at the bottom of your letters is called the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which is the best way to sit while writing? A) Sitting up straight B) Lying on the floor C) Standing on one leg D) Slouching in your chair (1 mark)

**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting at a desk with his paper and pencil, showing how he keeps his back straight and his writing neat.



*Extension challenge: Choose your favourite sentence from a book. Write it out three times on a piece of paper, focusing on keeping your letters the same size and using a finger space between every word.*