

My Best Handwriting Adventure with Max

Learning objective: To practise forming letters correctly and using lead-in strokes to improve handwriting flow.

Help Max the monkey improve his handwriting! Read the passage, then use the prompts below to describe how you practise your own neat writing. Remember to sit up straight, hold your pencil correctly, and keep your letters the same size.

Max the monkey sat at his wooden desk and picked up his pencil to practise his best handwriting.

Word bank: carefully · neatly · tall letters · small letters · on the line · finger space · because · and · then

1. What does Max do before he starts writing to make sure he is ready? (Think about how he sits and holds his pencil): First, Max... (2 marks)

2. Which letters do you find the most fun to write? (Remember to tell me why): I love writing the letter... (2 marks)

3. How do you make sure your letters sit perfectly on the line? (Think about your pencil control): To keep my writing neat, I... (2 marks)

4. Why is it important to use finger spaces between your words? (Think about how it helps others read your work): I use finger spaces so that... (2 marks)

5. How does it feel when you finish a piece of writing in your very best handwriting? (Think about how proud you feel): When I look at my neat work, I feel... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you choose three words from your word bank and write a super sentence using all of them? Check that your 'tall' letters (like l, t, h) touch the top of the line and your 'tail' letters (like g, p, y) hang below the line.