

Max's Neat Handwriting Challenge

Learning objective: To practise handwriting skills, including letter formation, sizing, and spacing as per the Year 2 national curriculum.

Help Max the Monkey get his jungle journal ready! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember to sit up straight and keep your pencil grip relaxed.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. B, 3. True, 4. True, 5. False, 6. Ascender, 7. Baseline, 8. C, 9. False, 10. Join.

Word bank: ascender · descender · join · space · baseline · ascender

1. 1. Which of these letters has an ascender? A) b* B) a C) e D) o (1 mark)

2. 2. How much space should you leave between words? A) A whole hand B) A finger-width* C) Nothing D) Two centimetres (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Letters that sit on the line are called 'baseline' letters. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: You should always use a sharp pencil for neat handwriting. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: It is okay to let your letters float high above the line. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: A letter that goes below the line, like 'g' or 'p', is called a _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. What do we call the imaginary line that all our letters should sit upon? (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these is a capital letter? A) m B) a C) M* D) s (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: You should rush as fast as you can when writing. (1 mark)

10. 10. What do we call the line that connects two letters together in cursive writing? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey sitting at a tidy desk, carefully writing in his journal with his favourite pencil.



Extension challenge: Practise writing the sentence 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' three times. Focus on keeping your 'b's and 'd's clearly shaped and making sure your finger-spaces are consistent.