

Max the Monkey's Punctuation Puzzle

Learning objective: To use full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, and question marks correctly within a short narrative.

Read the story below about Max the Monkey. The punctuation has gone missing! Rewrite the sentences adding the correct capital letters, full stops, question marks, and exclamation marks where they belong.

max the monkey was feeling very hungry he looked at his pile of fruit. where is my favourite banana he asked his friend ellie. oh no, it is gone! he looked under the big oak tree and found it hidden behind a rock. what a lucky monkey he is.

Word bank: sentence · capital letter · full stop · exclamation mark · question mark

1. Rewrite the first two sentences adding the missing capital letters and full stops. (2 marks)

2. Identify the sentence that asks a question. What punctuation mark should end this sentence? (2 marks)

3. Find the sentence that shows surprise. Write it out using the correct exclamation mark. (2 marks)

4. Why do we always start a sentence with a capital letter? (1 mark)

5. Max bought three apples for £1.50 and a bunch of bananas for £2.25. How much did he spend in total? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey holding his favourite banana under the big oak tree.



Extension challenge: Write a short sentence of your own about what Max might do next. Make sure you use a capital letter at the start and the correct punctuation mark at the end!