

Mastering Punctuation with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use full stops, capital letters, commas in a list, and question marks correctly in sentences.

Read each question carefully. Max the Monkey needs your help to fix his messy notes! Remember to check for capital letters at the start of sentences and the correct punctuation at the end.

Max the Monkey is busy organising his maths equipment for his next big puzzle adventure. He needs to pack his bag properly.

Word bank: capital letter · full stop · question mark · comma · list · exclamation mark

1. Max has written this sentence, but he forgot the capital letter and full stop. Rewrite it correctly: 'the monkey climbed the tall tree.' (2 marks)

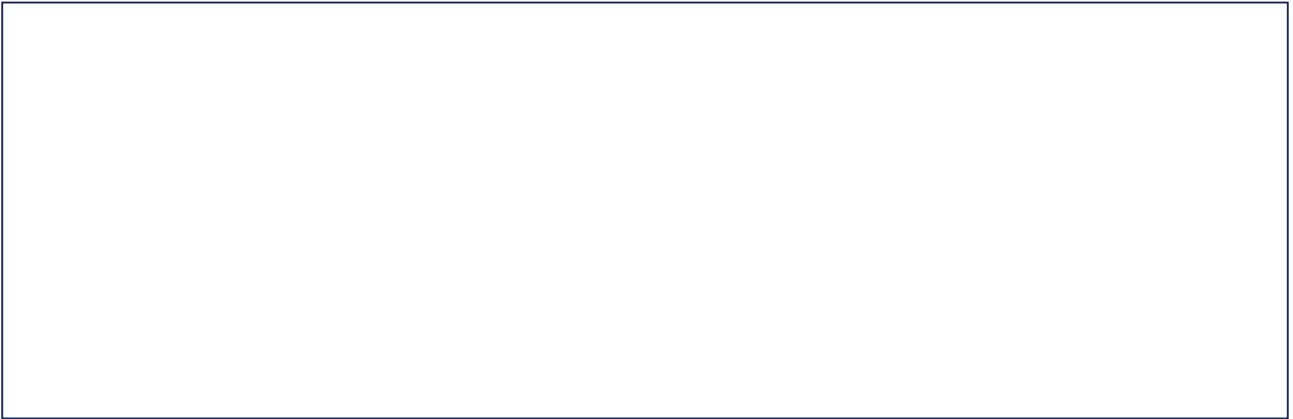
2. Max is writing a list of fruit he wants to pack. Add the missing commas to this sentence: 'I need to pack apples bananas grapes and a pear.' (2 marks)

3. Max is asking a question about his maths puzzle. Add the correct punctuation mark to the end of this sentence: 'How many bananas are in the basket' (1 mark)

4. Write a short sentence about Max the Monkey that uses an exclamation mark to show he is excited. (2 marks)

5. Identify which punctuation mark you would use to separate items in a list of more than two things. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey standing next to his backpack, with a list of items he has packed written on a notepad next to him.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing of Max the Monkey, his backpack, and a list of items.

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) explaining to Max why it is important to use capital letters for names of people and places, such as 'London' or 'Max'.