

Max's Maths Adventure: Punctuation Diary Entry

Learning objective: To use a range of punctuation, including commas, apostrophes for possession, and inverted commas for speech, within a descriptive diary entry.

Max the monkey is busy solving a tricky maths puzzle in the jungle! Help him record his day by writing a diary entry. Use the checklist below to ensure you have used your punctuation correctly. Remember to use commas in lists, apostrophes for possession, and inverted commas when Max speaks to his friends.

Word bank: puzzling · calculation · exclaimed · Max's · brilliant · solution · whispered · cautiously

1. Introduction: Describe the scene where Max is working. Use a comma to separate at least three items in a list of items he is using. (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: Explain what the maths puzzle is. Use an apostrophe to show that something belongs to Max (e.g., Max's notebook). (2 marks)

3. The Dialogue: Write a sentence where Max speaks to a friend about his progress. Remember to use inverted commas correctly. (3 marks)

4. The Discovery: Describe the moment Max solves the puzzle. Use an exclamation mark to show his excitement. (2 marks)

5. Reflection: How does Max feel now the work is finished? Use a fronted adverbial with a comma to start your sentence. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you include a sentence containing a relative clause using 'which' or 'who' to add more detail about Max's day?