

Max the Maths Monkey's Sentence Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use different types of sentences, including statements, questions, and exclamations.

Read the story carefully and answer the questions below. Remember to use full sentences where possible.

Max the monkey was busy sorting his collection of shiny pebbles. He loved to keep his things in perfect order. Max looked at his pile and said, 'I have twenty-five pebbles in this group.' This was a statement because it told us a fact. Suddenly, Max spotted a bright blue stone. He held it up and asked, 'Will this stone fit into my pattern?' This was a question because he wanted to find out something new. Max placed the stone carefully and gave a happy shout, 'What a beautiful pattern this is!' This was an exclamation because it showed his strong excitement. Every sentence Max used started with a capital letter and ended with the correct punctuation mark. A full stop ended his statement, a question mark finished his query, and an exclamation mark showed his joy. Max smiled as he finished his work. He knew that just like a maths puzzle, a good sentence needs all the right parts to make sense. He was very proud of his tidy, colourful pebble pattern.

Word bank: statement · question · exclamation · punctuation · capital letter · sentence

1. How many pebbles did Max have in his group? (1 mark)

2. List the three different types of punctuation marks mentioned in the story. (2 marks)

3. Why did Max use a question mark when he looked at the blue stone? (2 marks)

4. How do you know that Max was feeling happy at the end of the story? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a tidy person? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting next to his beautiful pattern of shiny pebbles. Make sure you include one speech bubble that is a question and one speech bubble that is an exclamation!



Extension challenge: Write three of your own sentences about Max's pebble collection: one statement, one question, and one exclamation. Don't forget your capital letters and punctuation!