

Max's Magnificent Spelling Detective Log

Learning objective: To practise spelling patterns including prefixes, suffixes, and common homophones through investigative writing.

Max the monkey has hidden some tricky words in his maths puzzles! Use this log to explore new vocabulary. Pick a word you find tricky, research its meaning, and use it in a sentence to show you understand its spelling pattern. Fill in the sections below to become a Spelling Detective.

Word bank: accommodate · definite · opportunity · necessary · rhythm · frequently · embarrass · conscience

1. The Mystery Word: Write down your chosen tricky word here and underline the specific part of the word that is difficult to remember. (1 mark)

2. The Clue Collector: Write a dictionary-style definition for your word in your own words. Why do you think this word is spelled this way? (2 marks)

3. The Pattern Hunter: List two other words that follow the same spelling pattern (e.g., words with the same prefix or root). (2 marks)

4. The Sentence Architect: Write a complex sentence featuring your mystery word. Try to use a conjunction like 'although', 'because', or 'which'. (3 marks)

5. The Memory Trick: Invent a mnemonic (a silly phrase or memory trick) to help you and your friends remember how to spell this word correctly. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose a partner and read your mnemonic aloud. Can they guess which word you are describing? Create a 'Word Map' for your mystery word showing synonyms and antonyms.