

Adventures with Max the Monkey: Creative Writing

Learning objective: To write a short, descriptive story using expanded noun phrases and time adverbials.

Read the prompts below and use your imagination to help Max the Monkey finish his story. Remember to use exciting adjectives and check your punctuation!

Max the monkey was walking through the jungle when he spotted something very strange. It was not a banana, and it was not a tree. It was a shiny, silver box hidden behind some giant green leaves.

Word bank: enormous · suddenly · shimmering · meanwhile · eventually · delicious · brightly · carefully

1. Max wants to describe the jungle. Can you write an expanded noun phrase to describe the trees? (Hint: Use an adjective and a noun, like 'tall, leafy trees'). (2 marks)

2. Max picks up the silver box. Use a time adverbial (like 'Suddenly' or 'First') to start a sentence explaining what happens when he opens it. (2 marks)

3. What is inside the box? Write one sentence describing the object using at least two adjectives. (2 marks)

4. Max feels very excited. Write a sentence explaining how Max feels using the word 'because'. (2 marks)

5. Check your writing. Have you used a capital letter and a full stop for every sentence? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey discovering the mysterious silver box in the jungle. Make sure to draw the jungle background with lots of detail!



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining what Max does with the object he found. Does he share it with his friends, or keep it safe in his treehouse?