

Mastering Your Penmanship with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To practise forming lowercase letters correctly, understanding letter size, and maintaining consistent spacing between words.

Read the instructions for each task carefully. Ensure your letters sit correctly on the line and that your tall letters and tail letters are the right size. Remember to leave a finger-space between each word.

Max the monkey enjoys counting his bananas, while Zara the zebra loves drawing colourful patterns in the sand. Pip the caterpillar reads books under the golden sunshine.

Word bank: adventure · patterns · monkey · zebra · caterpillar · sunshine

1. Copy the word 'monkey' three times on the line below. Make sure your 'm', 'o', 'n', 'e', and 'y' are the same size. (2 marks)

2. Write a sentence using the word 'zebra'. Remember to start with a capital letter and end with a full stop. (2 marks)

3. Look at the letters 'p', 'g', and 'y'. Which part of the line should the 'tails' of these letters hang below? (1 mark)

4. Rewrite this sentence with correct finger-spacing: 'Thesunisshiningbrightly.' (2 marks)

5. Max has 3 bananas and Zara has 4 bananas. Write the sentence 'They have seven bananas' using your neatest joined-up or pre-cursive handwriting. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey and Zara the zebra sitting together at a desk, practising their best handwriting in a notebook.



Extension challenge: Choose two of your favourite words from the word bank. Write a short rhyme about them, ensuring your tall letters (like 'l' or 't') reach the top of the line and your small letters (like 'a' or 'c') stay in the middle.