

Max the Monkey's Neat Handwriting Challenge

Learning objective: To practise joined-up (cursive) handwriting, focusing on consistent letter size, spacing between words, and the correct formation of ascenders and descenders.

Max the Monkey needs your help to rewrite his messy maths notes! Follow the guide below to copy the sentences into your best joined-up handwriting. Ensure your 'tall' letters (ascenders) like 'l', 't', and 'h' reach the top of the line, and your 'hanging' letters (descenders) like 'g', 'j', and 'p' drop below the line. Use the word bank to help you spell the tricky words correctly.

Word bank: calculation · measurement · multiplication · fraction · sequence · addition

1. Copy this sentence: 'Max performed a tricky calculation with his friends.' (2 marks)

2. Copy this sentence: 'The measurement of the tall tree was five metres.' (2 marks)

3. Copy this sentence: 'We found a secret pattern in the number sequence.' (2 marks)

4. Look at your handwriting. Circle one letter that is an 'ascender' (e.g., 't') and underline one letter that is a 'descender' (e.g., 'g'). (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about a monkey playing with numbers, using your best joined-up handwriting. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey sitting in a tree with a notepad and pencil, looking very pleased with his neat handwriting.



Extension challenge: Try writing a short poem about numbers using joined-up writing. Can you make sure every letter sits perfectly on the line?