

Mastering Joined-Up Handwriting with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To practise consistent letter formation, size, and joining techniques while maintaining a neat, legible style.

Follow Max the Monkey's lead! Use your best joined-up handwriting to copy the sentences below. Make sure your letters are the same size and your joins are smooth. Remember to sit your letters on the line.

Max the monkey loves to explore the tall trees in the jungle. Every morning, he practises his clever maths puzzles while sitting on a sturdy branch. He notices that the leaves grow in a beautiful pattern. Today, Max is planning a new adventure to find the ripest fruit. He keeps a careful record of his findings in his notebook, ensuring his handwriting is always neat and easy to read.

Word bank: adventure · journey · climbing · banana · pattern · branch

1. Copy the first sentence from the passage into your neatest joined-up handwriting. (2 marks)

2. Look at the word 'adventure'. Which two letters are tricky to join together? Explain why. (2 marks)

3. Write a sentence using the word 'climbing' to describe what Max does in the jungle. (2 marks)

4. Why is it important to sit your letters on the line? Use your own words. (2 marks)

5. Max bought three bananas for £2.50. Write this amount in words and join your letters carefully. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey sitting on a branch, holding a notebook and a pencil, surrounded by jungle leaves.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the word bank and write a short, joined-up poem about Max's jungle home. Remember to use a capital letter at the start of each line.