

Max the Maths Monkey's Busy Day

Learning objective: To identify nouns and verbs within a short text.

Read the story carefully. Look for the naming words (nouns) and the doing words (verbs). Answer the questions below.

Max is a very clever monkey. Every morning, he wakes up in his tall tree. Max loves to solve a tricky puzzle before breakfast. First, he will climb the green branches to find his favourite fruit. Then, he might jump over a small log to reach his friends. Max sees a shiny coin on the path. It is worth £1! He picks up the coin and puts it in his pocket. Max looks at a big number on a stone. He thinks hard about the maths problem. He uses his sharp brain to find the answer. Max is happy because he loves to learn new things. He writes a poem about the forest in his little notebook. Later, he will run to the river to splash in the water. Max is a busy monkey who enjoys his day in the woods.

Word bank: Max · monkey · climb · puzzle · jump · tree · solve · number

1. What is the name of the monkey in the story? (1 mark)

2. How much money does Max find on the path? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Max climbs the tree at the start of the day? (2 marks)

4. How does Max feel when he solves a maths problem? How do you know? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a kind character? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey in the forest. Draw him doing one of the actions mentioned in the story, such as climbing, jumping, or writing in his notebook.



Extension challenge: Write a list of three nouns (things) and three verbs (actions) that you found in the story.