

My Adventure Diary with Max

Learning objective: To use brackets, dashes, or commas to indicate parenthesis in writing.

Help Max the monkey record his latest jungle adventure. Use brackets, dashes, or commas to add extra information (parenthesis) about the places he visited or the things he discovered. Remember, the sentence should still make sense if you remove the part inside the parenthesis!

Word bank: extra information · brackets () · dashes — · commas , · parenthesis · detail · clarify

1. The Starting Point: Describe where Max began his journey. Include a sentence that uses brackets to give extra detail about the environment. (2 marks)

2. The Discovery: Max found a mysterious object. Write a sentence describing it using dashes to add a sudden, exciting thought about what it could be. (2 marks)

3. The Animal Encounter: Max met a friend. Write two sentences about the meeting. Use commas to insert extra information about the friend's appearance. (3 marks)

4. The Challenge: Max had to solve a maths puzzle to move forward. Write a sentence explaining the puzzle, using parenthesis to clarify why it was tricky. (2 marks)

5. The Reflection: How did Max feel at the end of the day? Include a sentence that uses any form of parenthesis to add a feeling or personal note. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Go back through your diary entries and highlight every piece of parenthesis you have used. Can you rewrite one sentence using a different type of parenthesis (e.g., changing brackets to dashes) and explain how it changes the rhythm of your writing?