

Max the Monkey's Phonics Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and use split digraphs (a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e) correctly in sentences.

Max the Monkey is busy sorting his word puzzles! Read the words in the bank and use them to help you answer the questions below. Remember to look for the split digraphs where two vowels are separated by a consonant.

Word bank: cake · these · smile · home · huge · snake · Pete · nine · bone · flute

1. Max has a big birthday party. Can you name two things from the word bank that he might have at his party? (2 marks)

2. Find a word from the list that ends in the 'i-e' sound. Write a sentence using that word. (2 marks)

3. Look at the word 'huge'. Which letter is splitting the 'u' and the 'e'? (1 mark)

4. Change the word 'bone' by swapping the first letter to make a new word. Is your new word a real word? (2 marks)

5. Max found a 'snake' in the jungle. Can you write a sentence describing the snake using one other word from the word bank? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey having a picnic at his home. Include at least two things from the word bank in your drawing (like a cake or a flute).



Extension challenge: Can you think of two more words that follow the 'o-e' split digraph rule? Write them down and try to draw a picture for each one.