

Max's Magnificent Maths and Meaning Quiz

Learning objective: To develop verbal reasoning skills, including identifying synonyms, antonyms, word analogies, and patterns in language.

Join Max the monkey as he explores the logic behind our language! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember, Max thinks words are just like puzzle pieces.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.B, 3.False, 4.Large, 5.D, 6.True, 7.B, 8.True, 9.Sharp, 10.A.

Word bank: Synonym · Antonym · Analogy · Logic · Pattern

1. 1. Which word is a synonym for 'joyful'? A) Gloomy, B) Angry, C) Cheerful*, D) Tired (1 mark)

2. 2. Max is to monkey as Leo is to: A) Bird, B) Lion*, C) Fish, D) Bee (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: 'Giant' and 'Tiny' are synonyms. (1 mark)

4. 4. Provide an antonym for the word 'Small'. (1 mark)

5. 5. Which word does not belong in this group? A) Apple, B) Pear, C) Banana, D) Carrot* (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: An analogy explains the relationship between two pairs of words. (1 mark)

7. 7. If 'Fast' is to 'Quick', then 'Slow' is to: A) Rapid, B) Sluggish*, C) Speedy, D) Instant (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The word 'Happy' is an antonym of 'Sad'. (1 mark)

9. 9. Find the missing word: Dull is to Blunt as Bright is to _____. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which word completes the sequence? Foot is to Shoe as Hand is to: A) Glove*, B) Ring, C) Arm, D) Watch (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey wearing a detective hat and holding a magnifying glass, looking at a giant floating puzzle piece made of letters.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why 'Carrot' was the odd one out in question 5. 2. Compare and contrast the terms 'synonym' and 'antonym'. 3. Justify why a 'Foot is to Shoe' analogy is logically similar to 'Hand is to Glove'. 4. Create your own word analogy using the names of two BookFlik characters. 5. What might happen if we only used synonyms and never used antonyms in our writing? 6. Choose three words from the word bank and write a complex sentence for each that demonstrates their meaning.