Max’s Magnificent Maths and Word Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use synonyms, antonyms, and adjectives to improve vocabulary and sentence structure.

Help Max the monkey solve these word puzzles! Read each question carefully and choose or write the best answer.

Answer Key: 1) C*, 2) True, 3) Enormous, 4) B*, 5) A*, 6) False, 7) Swift, 8) D*, 9) True, 10) Cheerful. (Max says: Well done on your hard work!)

Word bank: enormous · tiny · cheerful · gloomy · swift · leisurely · brave · timid

1. 1. Max is looking for a synonym for 'happy'. Which word is the best choice? A) Sad B) Angry C) Cheerful* D) Grumpy (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. (1 mark)

3. 3. Max found an elephant. If the elephant is huge, what is a better word to use instead of 'big'? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which word is an antonym for 'brave'? A) Bold B) Timid* C) Strong D) Heroic (1 mark)

5. 5. Choose the best adjective to describe a quick runner: A) Swift* B) Slow C) Heavy D) Sleepy (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: The word 'gloomy' describes someone who is very excited. (1 mark)

7. 7. Give me a synonym for 'fast'. (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these is a noun? A) Run B) Blue C) Quickly D) Banana* (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: 'Tiny' is an antonym for 'enormous'. (1 mark)

10. 10. Fill in the blank: The sun was shining and the birds were singing a _____ tune. (Use a word from the bank) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a giant magnifying glass, looking at a very tiny insect on a leaf. Label the insect 'tiny' and the leaf 'enormous'.

Extension challenge: Write three sentences describing a walk in the forest. Use at least one synonym for 'big' and one synonym for 'fast' in your writing.