

Max the Maths Monkey's Busy Day

Learning objective: To identify and understand the function of adverbs in a short text.

Read the story about Max and answer the questions below. Remember that adverbs often describe how an action is performed.

Max the monkey loves to solve maths puzzles. Every morning, he wakes up and stretches happily in the jungle sun. Today, Max found a tricky sum hidden under a leaf. He picked up his pencil and wrote the numbers down carefully. He wanted to get the answer exactly right. Suddenly, a bright parrot flew overhead and squawked loudly, but Max did not stop. He worked quickly to finish his calculation before the sun reached the top of the trees. Once he finished, he jumped up and cheered. Max loves finding solutions to problems. He grabbed his bag and skipped merrily towards the river to show his friends what he had solved. Max thinks maths is the best adventure of all. He believes that if you work slowly and check your work, you will always find the right answer. Max is a very clever monkey, and his friends are always proud of how hard he tries. He looks forward to his next challenge with a big, wide smile.

Word bank: adverb · quickly · carefully · happily · loudly · action

1. How does Max stretch when he wakes up in the morning? (2 marks)

2. What noise did the parrot make? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max worked quickly to finish his maths puzzle? (2 marks)

4. How can we tell that Max enjoys solving maths problems? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is better to work 'quickly' or 'carefully' when doing maths? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting under a large jungle leaf, working on his maths puzzle with his pencil.



Extension challenge: Choose three adverbs from the story and write your own sentence for each one. Remember that an adverb describes how an action happens!