

Writing a Biography with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the features of a biography and write about a person's life in the past tense.

Max the Monkey loves to solve puzzles. Today, he wants to learn about people! A biography is a true story about someone's life. Read the questions and fill in the boxes. Use the word bank to help you.

Word bank: past tense · events · dates · true · order · life

1. A biography tells us the story of someone's life. Is a biography true or made up? Circle one: TRUE / MADE UP (1 mark)

2. Biographies tell us about things in the order they happened. What is this order called? (Hint: It starts with C). (1 mark)

3. Biographies are written about things that have already happened. Which tense should we use? (Example: 'He walked' instead of 'He walks'). (1 mark)

4. Max wants to write about a famous person. List two things he should include in his biography (e.g., when they were born). (2 marks)

5. Complete this sentence: 'In 2015, the inventor _____ (create) a new machine.' (Change the verb in the brackets to the past tense). (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a famous person you would like to write a biography about. Max the Monkey is standing next to them with a notepad!

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a family member. Remember to use the past tense, like: 'My mum learned to bake cakes when she was ten.'