

Year 4 Assessment: The Art of Character Description

Learning objective: To demonstrate the ability to use expanded noun phrases, adventurous vocabulary, and sensory details to create compelling character descriptions.

Read the character profile carefully and answer all questions in full sentences. Ensure you use sophisticated vocabulary and check your punctuation.

Max the monkey sat atop the ancient oak tree, his brow furrowed in deep concentration. He wore a utility belt crafted from woven vines, filled with small, polished pebbles and knotted strings for his calculations. His fur was the colour of scorched earth, ruffled by the breeze, and his amber eyes darted around the forest floor, spotting patterns in the fallen leaves that no one else could see. He moved with a jittery, rhythmic energy, his tail twitching like a ticking clock as he deciphered the secrets of the woods.

Word bank: Resilient · Meticulous · Ethereal · Luminous · Formidable · Intricate · Glistening · Vivacious

1. Identify one expanded noun phrase from the passage used to describe Max's physical appearance. Explain how this phrase helps the reader visualise him. (2 marks)

2. The author compares Max's tail to a 'ticking clock'. What does this simile suggest about Max's personality and his relationship with maths? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy two adjectives from the passage that describe the environment or Max's belongings. Why are these specific word choices more effective than simple words like 'brown' or 'old'? (3 marks)

4. Look at the phrase 'his brow furrowed in deep concentration'. Rewrite this sentence using a synonym for 'furrowed' and an adverb to describe how he is thinking. (2 marks)

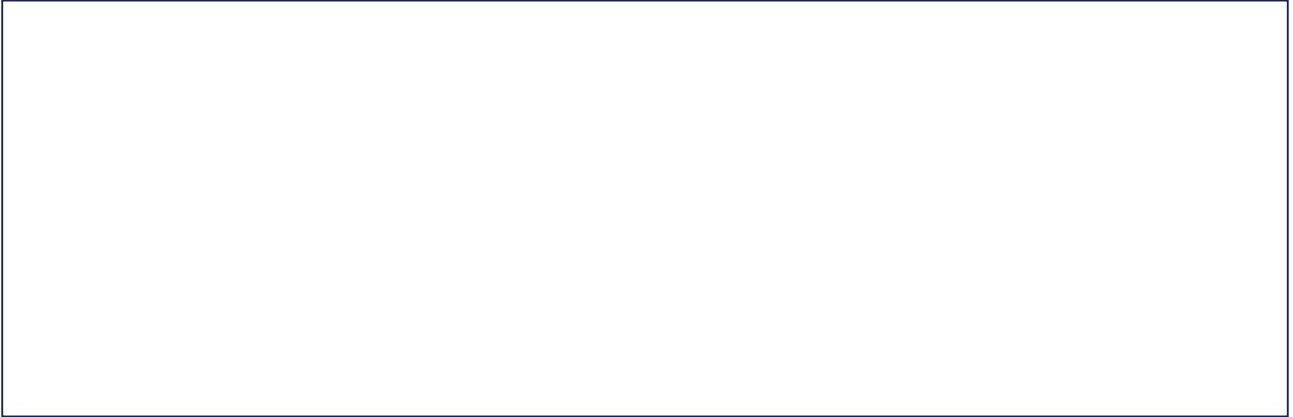
5. If Max were to find a mysterious, shiny stone worth £5.50, how might he describe it using sensory language? Write two sentences that reflect his mathematical, observant nature. (3 marks)

6. Compare and contrast Max's appearance with how you imagine a character who loves history, like Ellie the elephant. Use evidence from the text to justify your answer. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Write a descriptive paragraph (approx. 60-80 words) introducing a new character who is a master of disguise. Include at least two adjectives from the word bank, one simile, and an expanded noun phrase. (5 marks)

8. What might happen if Max lost his utility belt? Describe his reaction using a paragraph focused on his internal feelings rather than his physical actions. (5 marks)

Draw: In the space below, sketch Max the monkey. Incorporate at least three specific details from the passage to demonstrate your understanding of his character.



Extension challenge: Total: /25