

Meeting Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and describe character traits using evidence from the text.

Read the story about Max. Then, answer the questions below. Use the word bank if you need help.

Max is a small monkey with bright, golden fur. He loves to climb tall trees, but he is never just looking at the view. Max is always thinking about maths. If he sees five bananas on a branch, he counts them quickly. If he sees two birds fly away, he works out how many are left. Max carries a small bag everywhere he goes. Inside, he keeps a notebook filled with tricky puzzles and shapes. He is very enthusiastic about learning. When his friends come to visit, Max greets them with a big, happy grin. He often asks, 'How many steps did you take to get here today?' Max is a kind friend who believes that every problem in the forest is just a maths puzzle waiting to be solved. He works hard to find the right answer, and his friends love how he makes counting so much fun. Max shows that maths is everywhere if you look closely enough.

Word bank: enthusiastic · curious · numbers · puzzles · friendly · cheerful

1. What colour is Max's fur? (1 mark)

2. What does Max keep inside his small bag? (1 mark)

3. Why does Max count the birds in the forest? (2 marks)

4. How do Max's friends feel about him? Use a word from the text to help explain. (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max would be a good friend to help you with your homework? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey. Show him holding his notebook and looking at some fruit in a tree.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences describing a friend of yours. Use one word from the word bank to describe them.