

Max's Magnificent Mystery Descriptions

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to create vivid imagery in creative writing.

Max the monkey is helping build a jungle library, but he needs your help to describe the objects he has found. For each item in the questions below, write two sentences. The first sentence must include an expanded noun phrase (e.g., 'the dusty, golden key'). The second sentence must use a powerful verb to describe how the object is being used or where it is sitting. Use the word bank to help you choose interesting vocabulary.

Word bank: ancient · shimmering · crinkled · luminous · vast · cluttered · whispering · gleaming · tarnished · mysterious

1. Describe the old, brass compass Max found hidden in a hollow tree. (2 marks)

2. Describe the stack of leather-bound books Ellie the elephant discovered in the library. (2 marks)

3. Describe the silver, feather-tipped quill that Kit the fox uses to write his clever codes. (2 marks)

4. Describe the colourful, silk map that Pip the caterpillar is currently crawling across. (2 marks)

5. Describe the glowing, crystal lantern that Nova uses to light up the night sky for stargazing. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw one of the objects you described above. Label your drawing with three of the adjectives you used in your writing.



Extension challenge: Choose one of your descriptions and add a 'show, don't tell' sentence to explain how a character feels when they see the object. For example, instead of saying 'Max was happy', write 'Max's eyes widened and his tail began to wag with excitement'.