

Max the Monkey's Discovery Diary

Learning objective: To write a personal diary entry using the first-person perspective, temporal conjunctions, and descriptive language to recount a sequence of events.

Imagine you are Max the Monkey. You have spent your day solving a tricky maths puzzle or exploring the jungle. Use this template to record your day. Remember to use the past tense, include your feelings, and use precise vocabulary to make your writing vivid for the reader.

Word bank: extraordinary · consequently · subsequently · puzzling · enthusiastic · determined · calculate · eventually · nevertheless

1. The Date and Setting: State the day and where you are currently located. Describe the atmosphere of your surroundings using a sensory detail (sight, sound, or smell). (2 marks)

2. The Main Event: Recount the primary activity of your day. What challenge did you face and how did you attempt to solve it? Use a temporal conjunction to sequence your ideas. (3 marks)

3. Reflections and Feelings: Explain why you felt a certain way about your discovery. Justify why this moment was significant for you. (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare your day to a normal day in the jungle. What was different about today compared to yesterday? (3 marks)

5. Predicting the Future: What might happen if you continue your research tomorrow? Explain the potential consequences of your findings. (3 marks)

6. Creative Extension: If you could share this diary entry with another character, such as Kit the Fox, how would you rewrite one paragraph to sound more logical and technical? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a follow-up diary entry from the perspective of a different character observing Max. How would their perspective of the same event change the tone of the writing?