

# Max the Mathematical Explorer's Adjective Adventure

*Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases to add detail, precision, and imagery to writing.*

Max the monkey is cataloguing items he found in the jungle! Help him turn his simple notes into vivid descriptions. For each item in the list, write an expanded noun phrase by adding at least two adjectives and a prepositional phrase to describe where it is located. Example: 'The shiny, golden key which was hidden under the mossy log.'

*Word bank: ancient · vibrant · fragile · shimmering · dense · weathered · mysterious · speckled · tangled · ornate · beside · beneath · among · within*

**1. 1. Max found a compass. Write an expanded noun phrase for the compass. (2 marks)**

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**2. 2. Max found a notebook. Write an expanded noun phrase for the notebook. (2 marks)**

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**3. 3. Max found a stone. Write an expanded noun phrase for the stone. (2 marks)**

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**4. 4. Explain why adding a prepositional phrase (e.g., 'beneath the ferns') improves the reader's understanding of the setting. (3 marks)**

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**5. 5. Compare and contrast the effect of using 'The old, dusty map' versus 'The delicate, silk map tucked inside the hollow trunk'. Which is more effective and why? (4 marks)**

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**6. 6. Justify your answer: Does the order of the adjectives change the meaning of your noun phrase? Provide an example to support your reasoning. (4 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw Max the monkey standing in his jungle workshop. Surround him with at least three of the items you described, making sure your drawing reflects the adjectives you chose for your expanded noun phrases.



*Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer discovering a hidden treasure. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing your discovery. You must include at least three expanded noun phrases and use sophisticated vocabulary to create an atmosphere of mystery.*