

Max the Maths Monkey's Sentence Garden

Learning objective: To identify and use capital letters, full stops, and question marks in sentences.

Read the story below carefully. Look closely at where the sentences start and end. Answer the questions using your best handwriting.

Max the monkey loves to solve puzzles in his garden. Today, he is planting special seeds that grow into sentences. Max digs a hole and places a capital letter at the start of every row. This is very important because it shows where a new thought begins. Next, he carefully places a full stop at the end of his statements, just like a little seed pod finishing a flower. Sometimes, Max has a mystery to solve. He tilts his head and asks, 'Where did I put my watering can?' When he asks a question, he uses a wiggly question mark instead of a full stop. Zara the zebra walks by and smiles at the neat rows of words. She loves how the punctuation helps the garden make sense. Max is happy because he knows that if he uses his punctuation correctly, his stories will grow tall and strong. Now, the garden is full of clear, clever sentences that everyone can read and enjoy.

Word bank: capital letter · full stop · question mark · sentence · punctuation

1. What does Max put at the start of every row of seeds? (1 mark)

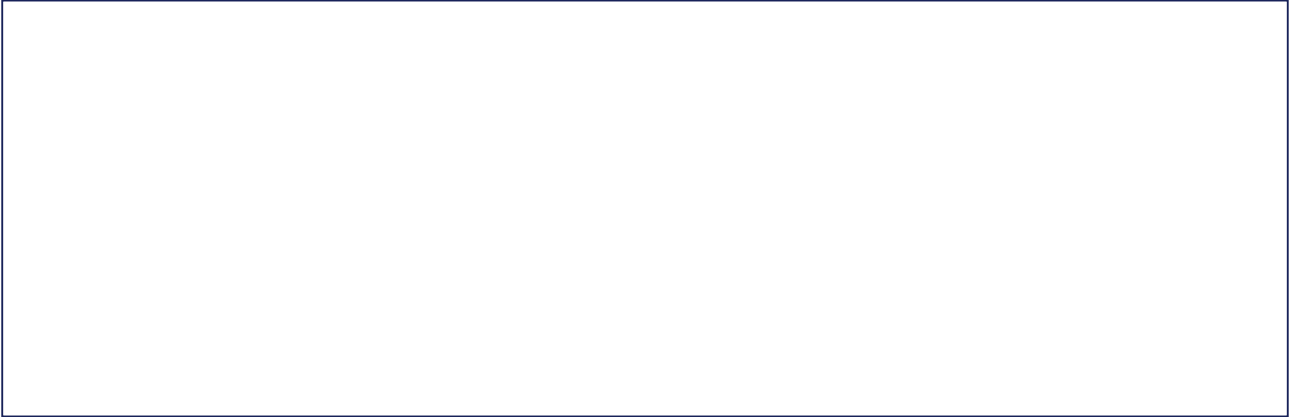
2. Which mark does Max use when he asks a question? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Max thinks it is important to have a full stop at the end of a sentence? (2 marks)

4. How does Zara feel about Max's garden? How do you know? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good gardener? Explain why using an example from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey in his garden. Show a sentence growing on a plant with a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own about your favourite fruit. Remember to start with a capital letter and end with a full stop!