

Mastering My Best Handwriting with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To practise handwriting skills by focusing on consistent letter size, spacing, and the correct joining of letters.

Follow the prompts below to write a short description of your favourite place. Remember to sit up straight, hold your pencil comfortably, and focus on joining your letters neatly as Max the Monkey does when he solves his maths puzzles.

My favourite place to sit and write is tucked away in the corner of the garden under the old oak tree.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · because · meanwhile · on the other hand · neatly · carefully · consistently

1. The Setting: Describe what your favourite place looks like using neat, joined-up handwriting. You could start by saying: The place I enjoy visiting most is... (2 marks)

2. The Atmosphere: Explain why this place makes you feel happy or calm. You might want to use the connective 'because' to link your ideas... (2 marks)

3. Sensory Details: What can you hear, smell, or feel when you are there? Try to focus on keeping your ascenders (like l, t, h) and descenders (like g, j, p) the right size... (2 marks)

4. The Activity: What do you like to do when you are in this place? Remember to check your spacing between words as you write... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why this place is special to you. You could start with: Ultimately, I love this place because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose three sentences from your writing. Rewrite them at the bottom of the page, focusing extra hard on your letter joins and ensuring that your capital letters are clearly taller than your lowercase letters.