

Detective Work with Max the Monkey: An Inference Quiz

Learning objective: To develop the skill of inference by using clues in a text to understand characters' feelings and actions, meeting Year 2 English curriculum standards.

Read the short stories below carefully. Use the clues in the text to help Max the Monkey solve the mystery of what is happening. Write your answers clearly.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. Sad, 4. C, 5. False, 6. Excited, 7. A, 8. True, 9. Worried, 10. B

Word bank: happy · sad · excited · worried · clue · inference · feelings · actions

1. 1. Pip the caterpillar is packing a tiny suitcase and humming a happy tune. How does Pip feel? A) Bored B) Excited C) Angry D) Tired (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: If Zara the zebra is hiding behind a tree and looking at the ground, we can infer she is playing hide-and-seek. (1 mark)

3. 3. Nova the owl is sitting alone. She has a tear on her cheek and her feathers are drooping. How does Nova feel? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Max sees Ellie the elephant holding an umbrella and wearing her yellow wellies. What is happening? A) It is sunny B) It is lunchtime C) It is raining D) It is bedtime (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: If Leo the lion is yawning and stretching, we can infer he is ready to run a fast race. (1 mark)

6. 6. Bea the bee is buzzing quickly from flower to flower with a big grin on her face. How does Bea feel? (One word answer) (1 mark)

7. 7. Kit the fox is looking at a map and scratching his head. What is he doing? A) Trying to find his way B) Sleeping C) Eating lunch D) Dancing (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: If a character is shivering and wrapping a scarf around their neck, we can infer they are cold. (1 mark)

9. 9. Rosa the parrot is pacing back and forth and biting her lip. How does Rosa feel? (One word answer) (1 mark)

10. 10. Finn the dolphin is jumping high out of the water and splashing his friends. How are the friends likely feeling? A) Grumpy B) Happy C) Scared D) Hungry (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey solving a mystery. What clues can you add to your drawing to show what he is thinking about?



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about what you think Pip the caterpillar is going to do on his holiday. Use an 'inference' word like 'because' to explain why you think that.