

A Letter from Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify the features of a formal letter and understand the purpose of written communication.

Read the letter below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Dear Pip,

I am writing to you because I have found a brilliant maths puzzle! I was counting the coconuts in the orchard this morning. I found 45 coconuts on the ground and 12 in the trees. I need to add them together to find the total. Do you think you can help me solve this? I have been using my new notepad to record all the numbers. It is very exciting to see how the patterns fit together.

I hope you are having a lovely week and reading many good books. Please write back to me soon so we can solve this puzzle together. I am very happy to share my findings with you.

Best wishes,

Max

Word bank: Recipient (the person getting the letter) · Sender (the person writing the letter) · Greeting · Sign-off · Formal

1. Who is the sender of this letter? (1 mark)

2. How many coconuts did Max find on the ground? (1 mark)

3. Why does Max want Pip to write back? (2 marks)

4. How is Max feeling about his maths discovery? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good friend? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey counting his coconuts in the jungle.



Extension challenge: Write a short reply from Pip to Max. Remember to start with 'Dear Max' and end with 'From Pip'.