

Year 4 English: Organising Our Writing

Learning objective: To use paragraphs to organise information and ideas logically.

Read the sentences and the passage carefully. Use the word bank if you need help. Fill in the boxes and answer the questions below.

Max the monkey went to the shop. He wanted to buy three bananas for £1.20 and a red apple for 50p. The shop was very busy today. Max walked home to his favourite tree. He sat on a branch and started to eat his snack. It was a very sunny day in the jungle.

Word bank: paragraph · topic · idea · group · change · new

1. A paragraph is a group of sentences about the same _____. Fill in the gap. (2 marks)

2. Look at the passage about Max. Which sentence should start a new paragraph to show a change of place? Write the sentence below. (4 marks)

3. Why do we use paragraphs in our writing? Tick the best reason: A) To make the page look pretty, or B) To help the reader follow our ideas. (2 marks)

4. If Max started talking about his friend Pip the caterpillar, should he start a new paragraph? Explain why. (4 marks)

5. Write two short paragraphs about your favourite hobby. Use the first paragraph to say what you do. Use the second paragraph to say why you like it. (Sentence starters: Paragraph 1: My favourite hobby is... Paragraph 2: I like this because...) (13 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey eating his snack in the jungle.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you add a third paragraph to your writing above to describe what you might do next?