

Mastering Paragraphs with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use paragraphs to organise ideas and build cohesion in a narrative text.

Max the Monkey is planning a jungle adventure! Use the prompts below to structure your story into clear paragraphs. Remember that a new paragraph should begin when you change the time, the place, or the action.

Max the Monkey swung gracefully from the highest branch of the ancient mahogany tree, his eyes scanning the horizon for the hidden waterfall.

Word bank: Meanwhile · Suddenly · Before long · Furthermore · In the distance · Consequently · As a result · However · Eventually

1. Introduction: Describe the jungle setting and Max's current mood. Start with: 'The morning sun cast golden beams through the dense leaves as...' (2 marks)

2. The Discovery: Describe a sudden change in the scene. Start with: 'Without warning, Max spotted something unusual hidden behind the thick vines...' (2 marks)

3. The Action: Describe Max's journey or the puzzle he has to solve. Start with: 'Determined to investigate, Max quickly calculated the distance between the...' (2 marks)

4. The Resolution: Describe what Max finds at the end of his journey. Start with: 'After a long trek, the trees finally cleared to reveal...' (2 marks)

5. Review: Why is it important to start a new paragraph when Max moves to a new location? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a final paragraph using a piece of direct speech from Max. Remember to use inverted commas and a new line for the speaker!