

Writing a Playscript with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use the features of a playscript, including character names, dialogue, and stage directions.

Max the Monkey is planning a play about a maths mystery in the jungle! Use this frame to write your own scene. Remember to put character names in capital letters followed by a colon, and put stage directions in brackets.

Setting: A sunny jungle clearing. MAX is counting shiny red apples on a large green leaf.

Word bank: suddenly · loudly · whispered · quickly · excitedly · meanwhile · on the stage · character name · colon · brackets

1. Introduction: Describe where your play is set. Start with: The scene is... (2 marks)

2. Stage Direction: Tell us what your character is doing. Start with: (Character name) is... (2 marks)

3. Dialogue: Write what your character says to start the mystery. Start with: NAME: "... (3 marks)

4. Action: Describe how the character moves or feels. Start with: (They look)... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a second character to your scene? Write one line of dialogue for them to say to Max.