

Max's Punctuation Puzzle: Writing a Great Adventure

Learning objective: To use a range of punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, commas for lists, and exclamation marks to add excitement.

Help Max the monkey finish his adventure story! Use the prompt questions below to build your paragraphs. Remember to check that every sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with the correct punctuation mark.

Max the monkey climbed the tallest tree in the jungle, clutching his map tightly in his hand.

Word bank: suddenly · after that · meanwhile · because · firstly · what a surprise · carefully · next

1. Describe what Max sees from the top of the tree. Use a list of three things he can see, separated by commas: Max looked out and saw... (3 marks)

2. Max finds a hidden treasure chest! Write two sentences about what is inside, using an exclamation mark to show his excitement: Inside the chest, he discovered... (2 marks)

3. Max decides to share his treasure with his friends. Write what he says using inverted commas: Max shouted to the others, '...' (3 marks)

4. How do his friends feel about the discovery? Use an adjective to describe their reaction: The other animals felt... (2 marks)

5. Write a final sentence to end the story. Does the adventure finish with a question or a statement? Finally, they decided to... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you rewrite one of your sentences to include an expanded noun phrase? For example, instead of 'the map', try 'the dusty, golden map'.