

Max's Magnificent Sentences

Learning objective: To identify and use simple sentences, including capital letters and full stops.

Read the story about Max the monkey and answer the questions below. Remember to check for capital letters and full stops.

Max the monkey loves to solve puzzles. Today, Max is learning about sentences. He knows that a sentence must start with a capital letter. He also knows that a sentence must finish with a full stop. Max sits on a high branch to practise. He writes, 'I like to eat yellow bananas.' This is a perfect sentence. Next, Max writes, 'The sun is hot.' He smiles because he has used a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end. Max looks at his notebook. He sees a tricky one. It says, 'max climbs the tree'. Max quickly fixes it. He changes the small 'm' to a big 'M' and adds a full stop. Now it is correct: 'Max climbs the tree.' Max feels very proud of his work. Writing is just like a maths puzzle, and he has solved it! He decides to write one more sentence about his friend, Pip the caterpillar. He writes, 'Pip reads a book.' Max is a happy monkey.

Word bank: sentence · capital letter · full stop · puzzle · monkey · climb

1. What two things does Max say a sentence must have? (2 marks)

2. What did Max fix in the sentence 'max climbs the tree'? (2 marks)

3. How do you think Max feels when he gets his work right? (1 mark)

4. Why does Max think that writing is like a maths puzzle? (1 mark)

5. Do you like writing your own sentences? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting on a tree branch with his notebook, writing a sentence about his friend Pip.



Extension challenge: Write three of your own sentences about your favourite animal. Remember to use a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end of each one.