

Story Starters with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To write a short story with a clear beginning, middle, and end.

Use the prompts below to help you write your own adventure story. Remember to use capital letters and full stops!

Max the monkey sat in the tall oak tree, holding his favourite shiny golden compass.

Word bank: firstly · then · next · suddenly · after that · finally · because · so

1. The Beginning: Introduce your character and where they are. Start with: One sunny morning, [Name] was... (2 marks)

2. The Middle: Something exciting happens! Start with: Suddenly, they found... (2 marks)

3. The Ending: How does the story finish? Start with: In the end, [Name] felt... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a sentence to your story using the word 'because' to explain why your character was happy?