

Max's Maths Puzzle Words

Learning objective: To use verbal reasoning skills to identify relationships between words.

Max the monkey loves to solve puzzles. Read the example. Then, use the sentence starters to help you explain your own word puzzles. Use the word bank to help you join your ideas.

A 'kitten' is a young 'cat', just like a 'puppy' is a young 'dog'.

Word bank: because · also · similar to · the opposite of · means · for example · in addition

1. Choose two words that are opposites (like 'hot' and 'cold'). Explain your choice: My two words are ____ and _____. These are opposites because... (2 marks)

2. Choose two words that belong to the same group (like 'apple' and 'banana'). Explain your choice: My two words are ____ and _____. These belong to the same group because... (2 marks)

3. Look at the word 'happy'. What is a synonym (a word with a similar meaning)? I think ____ is a synonym for 'happy' because... (2 marks)

4. Create your own word puzzle for Max: If 'bird' is to 'fly', then 'fish' is to... My answer is ____ because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you think of a new word puzzle for a friend to solve? Write it down and see if they can spot the relationship!