

Max's Magnificent Vocabulary Adventure

Learning objective: To improve writing by replacing common adjectives with more ambitious and descriptive vocabulary.

Max the monkey has been busy counting words instead of bananas! Help him make his sentences more exciting by choosing the best words from the word bank to replace the underlined common words.

Max found a big stone in the forest. He was happy when he saw it was full of gold. He felt scared when a shadow moved, but he was tired after his long walk. The stone was very old and had a shiny look.

Word bank: enormous · terrified · delighted · ancient · glittering · exhausted

1. Replace the word 'big' in the first sentence with a more descriptive adjective from the word bank. Rewrite the full sentence below. (2 marks)

2. Max felt 'happy' when he saw the gold. Which word from the bank is a stronger synonym for 'happy'? Write the new sentence. (2 marks)

3. The text says Max felt 'scared'. Use a word from the bank to show how Max felt when the shadow moved. (2 marks)

4. Look at the phrase 'very old'. Which word from the word bank means the same thing? Explain why using this word makes the writing better. (3 marks)

5. Find the word 'tired' in the passage. Replace it with the correct word from the word bank to finish the sentence: 'Max felt _____ after his long walk.' (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey discovering the 'enormous' and 'glittering' stone hidden deep in the forest.



Extension challenge: Choose two of the words from the word bank that you did not use in the questions and write your own creative sentence for each one.