

Crafting Characters with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to describe a character's appearance and personality.

Max the Monkey is planning a new adventure! Help him describe his friends by choosing the best adjectives from the word bank to complete the character profiles. Then, use the 'Creative Task' section to invent your own character by combining these features.

Word bank: dazzling · courageous · meticulous · shimmering · gentle · mysterious · sprightly · vibrant · determined · enormous

1. 1. Pip the caterpillar has a _____ green body and a _____ personality. Write a sentence using these two words to describe her. (2 marks)

2. 2. Nova the owl has _____ golden feathers that glow under the moonlight. Why might an author choose the word 'shimmering' instead of 'shiny'? (2 marks)

3. 3. Zara the zebra has _____ black and white stripes. If Zara is an artist, which adjective from the word bank best describes her style? (2 marks)

4. 4. Leo the lion is known for his _____ heart. If he were facing a difficult challenge, how would you describe his actions using the word 'determined'? (2 marks)

5. 5. Think of a new character for Max's team. Give them a name and use two adjectives from the word bank to describe their appearance and personality. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your new character in the space below. Make sure your drawing shows at least two of the adjectives you used in Question 5 (e.g., if you chose 'enormous', draw them taking up most of the page!).



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing your new character in a setting, such as a deep jungle or a busy library, using at least one expanded noun phrase.