

Detective Work: Inference with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use clues from a text to make inferences about a character's feelings and actions.

Read the story segment carefully. Look for 'clues' in the text that show how a character is feeling or what they are thinking, even if the author doesn't say it directly. Use the sections below to act as a detective and explain your reasoning.

Word bank: clue · evidence · feeling · thought · because · perhaps · might · show · inferred

1. What is the character doing? Describe the action using clues from the text. (2 marks)

2. How do you think the character is feeling? Find one word or phrase that gives you a hint. (2 marks)

3. Why might the character be acting this way? Explain your reasoning using evidence. (3 marks)

4. What do you think will happen next? Use the clues to make a sensible prediction. (2 marks)

5. If Max the Monkey were there, what math puzzle might he see in this scene? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a time you felt the same way as the character in the story, starting with 'I felt...' and explaining why.