

Verbal Reasoning Challenge with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To develop logical thinking, vocabulary recognition, and pattern-based problem-solving skills.

Read each question carefully. Max the monkey needs help with his logic puzzles, and Zara the zebra wants you to find the hidden patterns in words. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Max and Zara are exploring the Great Library. Max is busy sorting mathematical word puzzles, while Zara is looking for patterns in the way words are built. To succeed in this challenge, you must think like a detective and pay close attention to the clues hidden within the words.

Word bank: synonym · antonym · logic · sequence · prefix · suffix · analogy

1. Find the word that is the odd one out in this group: Quick, Speedy, Rapid, Slow, Fast. Explain why it is the odd one out. (2 marks)

2. Max has a number-word puzzle. If 'DOG' is coded as '4-15-7', how would you code 'CAT' using the same logic (A=1, B=2, C=3...)? (3 marks)

3. Zara is looking at word endings. Add the correct suffix (-ful, -less, or -ly) to the root word 'care' to make two different words, then write a sentence for each. (4 marks)

4. Complete the following analogy: 'Leaf is to Tree as Page is to...'. Explain the relationship between the two pairs. (4 marks)

5. Find the missing word in this sequence: Morning, Noon, Evening, _____. (2 marks)

6. Read the following statement and explain the logical error: 'All birds can fly. An ostrich is a bird; therefore, an ostrich can fly.' Rewrite the statement to make it factually accurate. (5 marks)

7. Identify the prefix in the word 'disappear' and explain how it changes the meaning of the root word 'appear'. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Logic is Fun!' and Zara the zebra drawing patterns on the floor with colorful chalk.



Extension challenge: Total: /25