

Max the Maths Monkey's Busy Day

Learning objective: To identify and understand how adverbs describe verbs.

Read the story carefully. Look for the words that tell us how Max does things. Use the word bank if you get stuck. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Max the monkey is very clever. He loves to solve maths puzzles in the jungle. Every morning, Max wakes up and stretches happily. He grabs his notebook and pencil. Max works quickly because he enjoys finding the right answers. He looks at his sums very carefully to make sure he does not make a mistake. When he finds the answer, he cheers quietly so he does not wake his friends who are still sleeping in the trees. Today, Max found a tricky puzzle about apples. He counted the fruit and sorted them into groups. He solved the problem perfectly. Max felt proud of his hard work. He climbed down the tree and skipped away to share his news. Max is a very busy monkey indeed!

Word bank: Adverb: A word that describes a verb (how something is done). · Verb: A doing word or action. · Quickly: Fast. · Carefully: With care. · Happily: In a happy way. · Quietly: Without much noise.

1. How does Max wake up and stretch in the morning? (Find the answer in the text) (2 marks)

2. Why does Max cheer quietly after solving a puzzle? (2 marks)

3. How does Max feel when he is doing his maths work? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think Max checks his sums very carefully? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max enjoys his maths work? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a tree with his maths notebook. Show him looking very focused and happy.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own about what you do in class. Use an adverb in each sentence to describe how you do your work (e.g., 'I write neatly').