# Neat Handwriting with Max the Monkey

*Learning objective: To practise consistent letter size and use joins between letters.*

Follow these steps to improve your writing. 1. Sit up straight. 2. Hold your pencil gently. 3. Look at the letters. 4. Trace the letters on the lines. 5. Write the sentences neatly.

Max the monkey loves to count his bananas. He counts them one by one. Max writes his numbers in a book. His writing is very neat. He makes sure every letter is the same size. He likes to join his letters together. Max uses a sharp pencil to write his sums.

*Word bank: pencil · straight · size · join · neatly · letter*

**1. What does Max the monkey like to count? (2 marks)**

**2. What does Max use to write his sums? (2 marks)**

**3. Copy this sentence neatly: Max writes in a book. (2 marks)**

**4. Why is it important to join your letters? (2 marks)**

**Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting at a desk with his pencil and his book.**

*Extension challenge: Try to write your own name three times. Make sure the letters are all the same size and are joined together.*