

Reading Detectives: Finding Clues with Max

Learning objective: To practise making inferences by using clues from a text.

Read the story below. Use clues from the text to answer the questions. Use the word bank if you need help. You can start your answers with the sentence starters provided.

Max the monkey sat in the tall tree. He looked at his map. He scratched his head and bit his lip. He looked at the path below. He took a deep breath, gripped the branch tightly, and swung down to the ground. He landed softly and began to walk. Every time he heard a snapping twig, he stopped and looked behind him. He checked his map again and gave a small, nervous smile.

Word bank: worried · excited · careful · happy · brave · clues · feeling · thought

1. How is Max feeling at the start of the story? Use a clue from the text to explain your answer. (Sentence starter: Max feels... because he...) (3 marks)

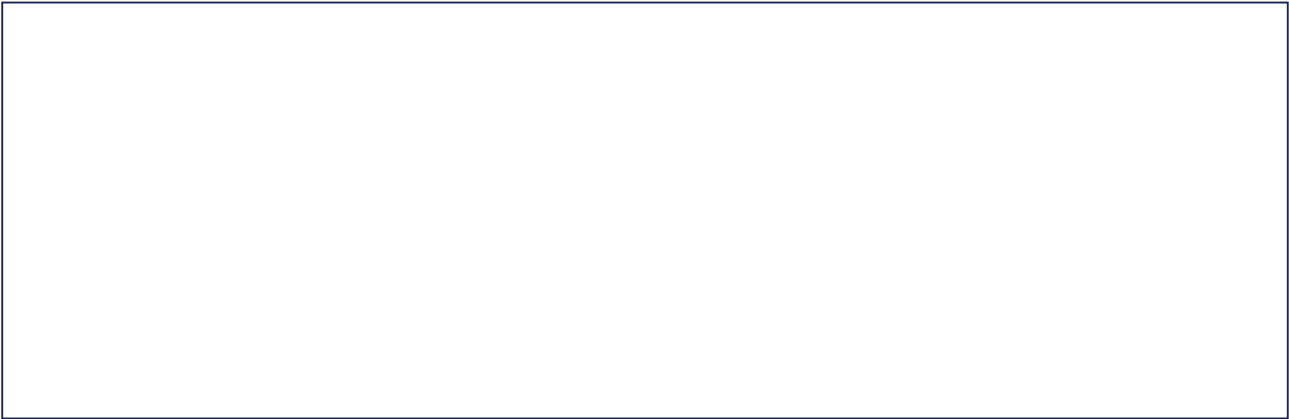
2. Why does Max check his map? (Sentence starter: Max checks his map because...) (2 marks)

3. What does the phrase 'looked behind him' tell you about what Max is doing? (Sentence starter: This tells me that Max is being...) (3 marks)

4. Look at the phrase 'nervous smile'. Why might Max be nervous but also smiling? (Sentence starter: Max might be nervous because..., but he is smiling because...) (4 marks)

5. Imagine Max reaches a river. Write three sentences describing how he acts to show he is being careful. Use the word bank. (Sentence starter: Max walks to the edge. He...) (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max looking at his map in the jungle. Show a clue in your drawing that tells us he is feeling nervous.



Extension challenge: Write a sentence about what Max might find at the end of his path. Total: /25