

Reading Between the Lines with Max the Monkey

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

Read the short sentence below. Think about what the clues tell you about the character. Use the questions to help you explain what you think is happening. Use the word bank to help you write your sentences.

Max the monkey gripped his maths book tightly and his hands started to shake as he looked at the long list of sums on the board.

Word bank: because · so · I think that · the clues show · perhaps · feeling · excited · worried · careful

1. How is Max feeling in this moment? Start your sentence with: I think Max is feeling... (2 marks)

2. Which words in the sentence give you this clue? Start your sentence with: The words that tell me this are... (2 marks)

3. Why might Max be feeling this way about the maths sums? Start your sentence with: Max might be worried because... (2 marks)

4. What do you think Max will do next? Start your sentence with: I think Max will... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Draw a picture of Max's face showing how he feels, then write one sentence explaining why he has that expression.