

Max the Maths Monkey's Spelling Adventure

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and understand the importance of spelling rules.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions in the boxes provided. Use the word bank if you need help with your spelling.

Max the monkey loves to solve puzzles. He thinks maths is fun, but he sometimes finds English tricky. Max wants to write a letter to his friend Pip the caterpillar. He wants to invite Pip to a picnic in the park. Max picks up his pen, but he gets stuck on how to spell the word 'friend'. He remembers that his teacher told him to look for patterns in words. Max looks at his dictionary. He finds the word and sees it follows a special rule: 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'. Max feels happy because he has solved the puzzle. He writes his letter carefully. He knows that if he takes his time and uses his dictionary, he can become a great writer. Max decides to practise his words every day. By the end of the week, he feels much more confident. Spelling is just like a maths puzzle waiting to be solved. If you look closely, you can find the secret logic in every single word. Now, Max is ready to post his letter and enjoy his yummy picnic with his best friend.

Word bank: dictionary · spelling · rules · patterns · practise · confident

1. Who is Max writing a letter to? (1 mark)

2. Which book does Max use to help him find the correct spelling? (1 mark)

3. Why does Max feel happy after looking in his book? (2 marks)

4. How do we know that Max is determined to get better at spelling? (2 marks)

5. Do you think spelling is like a puzzle? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting under a tree with a dictionary and a letter.



Extension challenge: Pick three words from the text that you find tricky to spell. Write them out three times each to help you remember them.