

Max's Maths Adventure

Learning objective: To understand and identify simple and compound sentences.

Read the story below. Use the word bank to help you. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Max the monkey loves to solve puzzles. He likes to count the bananas in his lunchbox. This is a simple sentence. Sometimes, Max wants to say more things at once. He adds a joining word like 'and' or 'but'. Max counts his bananas, and he shares them with his friends. This is a compound sentence. A compound sentence joins two ideas together. Max uses a full stop at the end of his work. He always checks his spelling. Every sentence needs a capital letter at the start. Max feels happy when his work is correct. He looks for patterns in the numbers. Zara the zebra helps him with the colours. She likes to draw circles around the verbs. Max and Zara work hard all morning. They finish their maths tasks before lunch. Solving puzzles makes them feel very clever. Max writes a note in his book. He is ready for the next challenge.

Word bank: Sentence · Conjunction · Full stop · Comma · Compound · Simple

1. 1. What does Max the monkey like to count in his lunchbox? (Literal) (2 marks)

2. 2. Which two joining words does the story mention for making a compound sentence? (Literal) (2 marks)

3. 3. Why does Max use a joining word? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. 4. How do we know that Max and Zara are good friends? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. 5. Do you think Max enjoys his maths lessons? Explain why. (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey and Zara the zebra working together at a wooden desk with a big bowl of bananas.



Extension challenge: Can you write one simple sentence and one compound sentence about your favourite subject at school?