

Max's Word Hunt

Learning objective: To use a dictionary or a thesaurus to find the meaning of new words and find synonyms.

Read the story below. Look for the words in bold. Use the word bank to help you match the words to their meaning. Write your answers clearly.

Max the monkey sat in the jungle. He felt very ****cheerful**** today. He looked up at the sky and saw a tiny ****glimmer**** of sunlight through the leaves. Suddenly, he saw an ****enormous**** banana tree. He went ****dashing**** towards it. Max had a new ****puzzle**** to solve: how to reach the highest bunch of fruit!

Word bank: Enormous: very big · Glimmer: a small, weak light · Cheerful: happy and bright · Dashing: moving very fast · Puzzle: a hard problem to solve

1. What does the word 'enormous' mean in the story? (2 marks)

2. Find a word in the story that means the same as 'happy'. (2 marks)

3. If Max is 'dashing', is he walking slowly or moving fast? (2 marks)

4. What is a 'glimmer'? Use the word bank to help you. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey looking up at the enormous banana tree.



Extension challenge: Can you think of one new word to describe the jungle? Write it down and try to find what it means.