

Max the Monkey's Christmas Celebration

Learning objective: To write a descriptive account of Christmas traditions using expanded noun phrases and time connectives.

Read the opening sentence below. Use the prompts to help you write about your own Christmas traditions. Remember to use the word bank to help you link your ideas together.

Max the monkey looked out of his window and saw the first snowflake of the festive season gently landing on the branch.

Word bank: firstly · next · after that · finally · exciting · festive · sparkling · delicious · tradition · together

1. The Morning: Firstly, when I wake up on Christmas morning, I feel... (2 marks)

2. The Decorations: Next, I like to look at the decorations because... (2 marks)

3. The Special Meal: After that, my favourite part of the Christmas dinner is... (2 marks)

4. The Best Part: Finally, the most important thing about Christmas is... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add an expanded noun phrase to your writing? For example, 'the bright, shiny star' or 'the delicious, warm pudding'.