

Adjective Adventures with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify, use, and evaluate the impact of adjectives and expanded noun phrases within descriptive writing.

Max the monkey is busy calculating the best adjectives to describe his jungle home, while Zara the zebra is painting a vivid picture with her words. Read the questions carefully and test your linguistic skills!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.B, 3.A, 4.True, 5.False, 6.Intricate, 7.Resilient, 8.Max might choose 'colossal' to emphasise the scale of a tree, while Zara might choose 'vibrant' to describe the patterns on a butterfly's wing. 9. 'The shimmering, golden sun set behind the colossal, ancient trees.' 10. Adjectives modify nouns by providing detail, which allows the reader to visualise the scene more clearly.

Word bank: vibrant · colossal · intricate · dull · resilient · melodious · monotonous · shimmering

1. Which option is an example of an expanded noun phrase? A) The monkey climbed. B) The hungry, energetic monkey climbed the tree. C) Monkey climb tree. D) He is a monkey. (1 mark)

2. Identify the adjective in this sentence: 'The shimmering river flowed past the bank.' A) flowed B) shimmering C) past D) river (1 mark)

3. Which adjective is a synonym for 'very large'? A) Colossal* B) Diminutive C) Slight D) Minute (1 mark)

4. True or False: Adjectives are words that describe or modify nouns and pronouns. (1 mark)

5. True or False: The word 'quickly' is an adjective. (1 mark)

6. Zara paints a pattern with many small, complex details. Choose a word from the word bank to describe this pattern: _____. (1 mark)

7. Max finds a plant that survives even in the harshest weather. Which word from the bank describes this plant: _____? (1 mark)

8. Compare and contrast: Why might Max and Zara choose different adjectives to describe the same jungle scene? Justify your answer. (1 mark)

9. Creative Task: Rewrite this simple sentence using two adjectives from the word bank: 'The sun set behind the trees.' (1 mark)

10. Explain why writers use adjectives. What might happen to a story if an author removed all adjectives? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Max the monkey and Zara the zebra in a 'vibrant' jungle. Label your drawing with at least three 'intricate' adjectives to describe the environment.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing a marketplace where items cost £5, £10, and £50. Use at least four sophisticated adjectives to persuade a customer that these items are worth the price.