

Character Creator: The Adjective Architect

Learning objective: To use a wide range of expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to create vivid imagery and characterisation.

Today, you will be working with Max the monkey to solve the 'Maths of Description'. Your goal is to build a brand new character from scratch. Use the template below to describe their appearance, personality, and belongings. Remember to use ambitious adjectives—avoid 'nice' or 'big' if you can choose something more powerful like 'magnificent', 'colossal', or 'glistening'.

Word bank: Resplendent · Formidable · Diminutive · Luminous · Melancholy · Exuberant · Intricate · Weather-beaten · Glistening · Peculiar

1. Physical Appearance: Describe the character's physical features. Include at least two expanded noun phrases (e.g., the shimmering, golden scales). (3 marks)

2. Personality Traits: Choose three precise adjectives to describe how this character acts. Justify your choices by explaining how these traits influence their behaviour. (4 marks)

3. The Signature Accessory: Describe one object the character carries. Use an adjective that suggests how the object feels or smells. (2 marks)

4. Explain why you chose the specific adjectives in your description. How do they change the reader's perception of your character? (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: If your character met Max the monkey, how would their differences in personality be shown through their choice of clothing or equipment? (4 marks)

6. What might happen if your character lost their signature accessory? Describe the scene using at least three emotive adjectives. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (5-8 sentences) describing your character entering a busy marketplace. Challenge yourself to use at least one synonym for 'walked' and two adjectives that describe the atmosphere of the room.