

Max the Monkey's Adventurous Diary Entry

Learning objective: To identify and use adverbs of manner, time, and place to add detail and precision to narrative writing.

Imagine you are Max the Monkey exploring the jungle. Write a diary entry about your day. To achieve Greater Depth, you must include a variety of adverbs to describe how, when, and where your actions took place. Use the word bank for inspiration, but try to think of your own sophisticated adverbs too!

Word bank: cautiously · frequently · nearby · eventually · gracefully · upwards · immediately · anxiously · skilfully · yesterday

1. Introduction: Describe where you are and how you arrived there. Use an adverb of place to indicate your location. (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: Describe a maths puzzle or obstacle you encountered. Explain how you solved it using at least two adverbs of manner. (3 marks)

3. Reflection: Looking back on the day, justify why you chose your specific route through the jungle. Use an adverb of time to show when you made your decision. (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare how you moved through the trees today versus how you might move if you were in a hurry. Use adverbs to highlight the difference in speed and care. (4 marks)

5. What might happen if: Explain what might happen if you had forgotten your map. Use an adverb to describe the likelihood of getting lost. (3 marks)

6. Creative Extension: Write a concluding sentence about your plans for tomorrow. Include a fronted adverbial to start your sentence. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Rewrite one of your paragraphs by replacing your adverbs with more ambitious synonyms (e.g., instead of 'walked quickly', use 'marched briskly'). Explain why your new word choices make the text more engaging for the reader.