

Max the Mathematical Monkey's Jungle Journey

Learning objective: To identify and understand the function of adverbs in a narrative text.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Remember to look for words that describe how, where, when, or to what extent actions are performed.

Max the monkey sat quietly in the canopy, staring intently at a collection of fallen mangoes. He needed to calculate the total cost for his jungle shop. He quickly scribbled numbers onto a broad leaf. 'If each mango costs 50p,' he muttered, 'then twelve mangoes will certainly cost £6.00.' Suddenly, a bright butterfly fluttered nearby, distracting him momentarily. Max sighed gently and refocused his attention on the task. He worked diligently until the sun began to sink low behind the mountains. He knew he had performed his calculations accurately, and he felt immensely proud of his progress. Tomorrow, he would travel further to the riverbank to sell his fruit. He moved cautiously down the vine, ensuring his heavy satchel stayed balanced. Max loved solving puzzles, and he always approached his work with great enthusiasm. As the stars twinkled above, he rested peacefully, knowing his accounts were perfectly balanced for the morning trade.

Word bank: adverb · modify · frequency · manner · time · place · degree

1. Find and copy two adverbs from the first paragraph that describe the manner in which Max is working. (2 marks)

2. According to the text, when does Max plan to travel to the riverbank? (1 mark)

3. Why does Max move 'cautiously' as he climbs down the vine? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'the sun began to sink low' tell you about the time of day? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good shopkeeper? Use evidence from the text to justify your opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting on a jungle branch with his leaf-ledger, showing the mangoes and his satchel. Add labels to the drawing using adverbs to describe what he is doing (e.g., 'writing neatly').



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about your favourite hobby. Use at least five different adverbs to describe how you participate in the activity.