

Max the Monkey's Adventurous Diary Entry

Learning objective: To identify and use adverbs to add detail, precision, and tone to sentences in a narrative context.

Imagine you are Max the monkey exploring a new part of the jungle. Write a diary entry about your day. To make your writing more descriptive, you must include a variety of adverbs to show how, when, where, and how often your actions took place. Use the word bank for inspiration, but try to think of your own too!

Word bank: cautiously · swiftly · patiently · frequently · yesterday · everywhere · incredibly · nearly · silently · rather

1. Setting the Scene: Describe where you are and how you moved through the jungle today. Remember to use an adverb to describe your movement. (2 marks)

2. The Discovery: Describe a maths puzzle or an object you found. Explain how you examined it using an adverb of manner. (2 marks)

3. The Challenge: Describe a time you felt stuck or unsure. Use an adverb of frequency to show how often this happens to you. (2 marks)

4. The Solution: Explain how you solved the problem. Use an adverb of degree (e.g., 'totally', 'completely') to describe how you felt when you finished. (2 marks)

5. Refining the Entry: Choose two sentences from your diary. Rewrite them below, but change the adverbs to completely different ones to see how the meaning of your sentences changes. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Highlight all your adverbs in one colour and the verbs they modify in another. Can you identify which adverbs are 'fronted adverbials' (adverbs used at the start of a sentence to show when or where)?