

Adventures with Adverbs: A Journey through the Jungle

Learning objective: To identify and use adverbs to add detail and precision to our writing.

Read the story below about Max the monkey exploring the canopy. Identify the adverbs used to describe the verbs, then complete the questions to show your understanding.

Max the monkey swung energetically through the thick, green vines of the jungle. He was searching for the perfect spot to count his collection of smooth, round pebbles. He climbed cautiously up the highest branch, looking around to make sure no one was watching. Suddenly, a colourful macaw landed nearby and squawked noisily, making Max jump. Max waited patiently until the bird flew away. He then checked his notes swiftly, ensuring every calculation in his maths puzzle was correct. The sun shone brightly through the leaves as Max finally solved the last equation.

Word bank: cautiously · swiftly · energetically · patiently · brightly · noisily

1. Find and copy three adverbs from the passage that describe how Max moved or acted. (3 marks)

2. Which verb does the adverb 'brightly' describe in the final sentence? (1 mark)

3. Choose one adverb from the word bank that was not used in the text and write a new sentence about Max using it correctly. (2 marks)

4. Why do writers use adverbs? Explain how they change the way the reader understands an action. (2 marks)

5. Rewrite this sentence by adding an adverb to make the action more descriptive: 'The lion roared at the sunset.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting on a branch in the jungle with his pile of pebbles, and include one visual element that shows why he is acting 'cautiously'.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a day in the life of Leo the lion. You must include at least four different adverbs to describe how he walks, talks, and writes his poetry.