

Max the Monkey's Adventurous Diary Template

Learning objective: To write a personal diary entry using first-person perspective, temporal conjunctions, and emotive language, reflecting on a significant event.

Imagine you have spent an adventurous day helping Max the Monkey solve a complex maths puzzle in the jungle. Use this template to record your day. Focus on using a 'show, don't tell' approach to describe your feelings and the atmosphere. Remember to use the past tense throughout and include specific details about your surroundings.

Word bank: exhilarating · puzzling · consequently · subsequently · astonished · whilst · dismayed · triumphantly · atmosphere · anticipation

1. The Orientation: Describe the setting and the time you started your adventure with Max. What was the weather like, and what was the main goal for the day? (3 marks)

2. The Complication: Explain the primary challenge or 'maths puzzle' you encountered. Why was this situation difficult to resolve? (4 marks)

3. The Climax: Describe the moment of greatest tension or discovery. What did you and Max do to solve the mystery? (4 marks)

4. The Resolution: Reflect on how the day ended. How did you feel once the problem was solved, and what did you learn from the experience? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why do you think Max chose you to help him with this specific puzzle? Explain your reasoning using evidence from your entry. (3 marks)

6. What might happen if: Imagine you had failed to solve the puzzle. How would the tone of your diary entry change and what would you have written instead? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining the difference between writing a diary entry and a formal report of the same event. Compare and contrast the vocabulary and tone required for each style.