

Figurative Language Adventure with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and use figurative language, including personification, metaphors, and similes, to enhance descriptive writing.

Read each task carefully. Max the Monkey has been busy solving puzzles and needs your help to make his descriptions more colourful and exciting!

Max the Monkey is exploring the jungle. He says: 'The sun is a golden coin in the sky. The trees whisper secrets to the wind. My legs are as tired as an old, rusted spring.'

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Onomatopoeia · Alliteration · Hyperbole

1. Identify the type of figurative language used in the phrase: 'The trees whisper secrets to the wind.' Explain how you know. (2 marks)

2. Max says, 'The sun is a golden coin in the sky.' Is this a simile or a metaphor? Explain the difference between these two techniques. (2 marks)

3. Write your own simile to describe Max swinging through the jungle. Remember to use 'as' or 'like'. (2 marks)

4. Rewrite the following sentence using personification: 'The rain fell on the roof.' (2 marks)

5. Create a hyperbole to describe how hungry Max is after a long day of maths puzzles. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Max the Monkey in the jungle. In your picture, include one visual representation of a metaphor (e.g., if you describe the river as a blue ribbon, draw a ribbon-shaped river).



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) about a busy marketplace scene. You must include at least one metaphor, one simile, and one example of alliteration.