

Max's Maths-Lab Word Sort

Learning objective: To identify and categorise nouns (abstract and concrete) and verbs within the context of a busy laboratory.

Max the monkey is setting up his science experiments! Look at the list of words provided in the 'Word Bank'. Your task is to sort these words into two columns: one for 'Nouns' and one for 'Verbs'. If a noun is an 'abstract noun' (a concept or feeling rather than a physical object), please underline it.

Word bank: experiment · calculate · courage · beaker · observe · discovery · goggles · hypothesise · curiosity · measure · solution · investigate

1. 1. Create your two columns. Sort all 12 words from the word bank into either the 'Noun' or 'Verb' category. Remember to underline the abstract nouns. (6 marks)

2. 2. Choose one verb from the list and write a sentence about Max using it in the past tense. (2 marks)

3. 3. Identify the noun in this sentence: 'The curious monkey felt great excitement.' Is this noun concrete or abstract? (2 marks)

4. 4. Can you turn the verb 'calculate' into a noun? (Hint: Think about what you call a person who does this job). (1 mark)

5. 5. Why is 'discovery' a noun but 'discover' is a verb? Explain the difference in how they are used. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey wearing safety goggles in his laboratory, surrounded by beakers and clipboards. Label three nouns and three verbs happening in your scene.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a new invention Max has made. Use at least four nouns and four verbs, and circle the abstract nouns you have included.