

Paragraph Perfection with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To structure a piece of descriptive writing using clear paragraphs for different topics.

Max the Monkey is planning an adventure to the Great Jungle Canopy. Help him describe his journey by writing one paragraph for each part of his trip. Remember to start a new paragraph when you change the time, place, or action.

Max adjusted his backpack, took a deep breath, and began his climb up the tallest mahogany tree in the forest.

Word bank: meanwhile · afterwards · furthermore · suddenly · in the distance · on the other hand · before long · as a result

1. Paragraph 1: Describe what Max sees at the very bottom of the forest floor. Start with: 'Looking down from the lower branches, Max could see...' (2 marks)

2. Paragraph 2: Describe the weather or the feeling of the wind as he climbs higher. Start with: 'As he reached the middle of the tree, the wind began to...' (2 marks)

3. Paragraph 3: Describe what Max discovers when he finally reaches the top of the canopy. Start with: 'When he finally pulled himself onto the highest branch, he gasped because...' (2 marks)

4. Check your work: Did you use a capital letter and a full stop for every sentence? Which connective did you use to link your ideas? (1 mark)

5. Max found a shiny coin worth £2.50 at the top of the tree. If he finds another one, how much money would he have in total? Show your maths working. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one of your paragraphs and add an extra sentence using a fronted adverbial to describe how Max is feeling.