

Max's Spelling Detective Logbook

Learning objective: To identify and correct common spelling errors, including homophones and words containing the 'ie'/'ei' rule.

Max the monkey has been busy collecting tricky words! Use your detective skills to complete the logbook. Look at the word bank for clues, check your dictionary definitions, and write your own sentences to show you understand how to use these words correctly. Remember to use your best handwriting and double-check your spelling against the word bank.

Word bank: deceive · receipt · their · there · they're · accommodate · conscious · determined · frequently · identity

1. The Homophone Hunt: Choose the correct version of 'their', 'there', or 'they're' and explain the rule you used to decide. (2 marks)

2. The 'i' before 'e' Rule: Select a word from the bank that follows the 'i' before e except after c' rule and write a sentence using it. (2 marks)

3. Double Trouble: Find a word in the bank that has double letters (like 'accommodate'). Why is it important to remember these double letters when writing? (2 marks)

4. Vocabulary Mastery: Choose two words from the word bank that you find most difficult. Write a complex sentence for each to demonstrate your understanding. (4 marks)

5. Self-Correction: Write down a word you often misspell. Explain a mnemonic or 'trick' you could use to help you remember the correct spelling in the future. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a 'Spelling Scramble' puzzle for a partner using five words from the word bank. Write the words with their letters mixed up and see if they can solve them!