

Year 3 English Assessment: The Elements of Storytelling

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and apply key narrative elements including character, setting, and plot structure.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use capital letters and full stops where needed.

Max the monkey sat in the high branches of the Ancient Oak, his favourite spot in the forest. He looked down at his bag of shiny pebbles. 'I need to find the perfect pattern for my collection,' Max muttered to himself. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew a strange, glowing map out of a nearby hollow. It was a secret map leading to the Lost Meadow. Max's heart raced. He had never been there before, but he knew this was the start of a grand adventure. He quickly packed his bag and climbed down, ready to face the unknown path ahead.

Word bank: setting · character · adjective · plot · climax · resolution · dialogue

1. Who is the main character in this story and where is the setting located? (2 marks)

2. Find and copy one adjective the author uses to describe the map. (1 mark)

3. In your own words, what is the 'inciting incident' (the event that starts the adventure) in this story? (3 marks)

4. Write a short piece of dialogue (using speech marks) that Max might say when he first finds the glowing map. (3 marks)

5. Every story needs a plot. Predict what might happen next in Max's adventure. Include at least two sentences. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are writing a story about a new place. Describe the setting using at least three descriptive adjectives to help the reader picture it clearly. (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) explaining how you would end the story. Think about a resolution where Max learns something new. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Ancient Oak and the secret map that Max discovered.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you add a second character to your story? Write one sentence describing how they help Max on his journey.