

Verbal Reasoning Mastery with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To develop logical deduction, vocabulary precision, and pattern recognition skills essential for Year 5 Verbal Reasoning.

Read each card carefully. Max the Monkey has provided these challenges to test your ability to spot patterns in words and solve linguistic puzzles. Think logically and look for hidden connections.

Analogy: Finger is to Hand as Leaf is to...

Branch (or Tree). Explain why this relationship exists.

Synonyms: Which word is the odd one out? Glimmer, Sparkle, Gloom, Shimmer.

Gloom. Justify your answer based on word meaning.

Antonyms: Find the word that is the opposite of 'Generous': Stingy, Kind, Abundant, Careful.

Stingy. Compare and contrast this with the word 'Frugal'.

Prefixes: If 'un-' means 'not', what is the meaning of 'unseen'?

Not seen. What might happen to the meaning of 'lock' if you add the prefix 'un-'?

Suffixes: Add a suffix to 'Kind' to turn it into a noun.

Kindness. Explain why adding '-ness' changes the word's function.

Anagrams: Rearrange the letters in 'EARTH' to form a word meaning 'heart's rhythm'.

HEART. Can you create a new anagram for the word 'LEMON'?

Logical Deduction: If all primates are mammals, and Max is a monkey (a primate), is Max a mammal?

Yes. Justify your conclusion using deductive reasoning.

Word Patterns: Find the missing word: Cat (3) Dog (3) Elephant (8) Giraffe (?)

7. Explain the pattern used to determine the number in brackets.

Alphabetical Order: Place these in order: Zebra, Zigzag, Zenith, Zephyr.

Zenith, Zephyr, Zebra, Zigzag. Why is 'Zenith' before 'Zephyr'?

Hidden Words: Find a hidden fruit inside the sentence: 'The cat ate the apple slowly.'

Apple. Explain how you identified this.