

Max's Magnificent Maths Vocabulary Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and apply precise synonyms and antonyms to improve the quality of descriptive writing in a Year 6 context.

Max the monkey has been busy collecting words to make his writing more exciting! Look at the 'boring' base words in the questions below. Your task is to select a more sophisticated synonym from the word bank to replace them, and then write an antonym for each. Follow the example: Base word 'Big' -> Synonym: 'Enormous', Antonym: 'Tiny'.

Word bank: Colossal · Diminutive · Ponderous · Swift · Lethargic · Exquisite · Repulsive · Radiant · Gloomy · Fragile · Sturdy · Vibrant

1. Find a synonym and an antonym for the word 'Small'. (2 marks)

2. Find a synonym and an antonym for the word 'Fast'. (2 marks)

3. Find a synonym and an antonym for the word 'Beautiful'. (2 marks)

4. Find a synonym and an antonym for the word 'Heavy'. (2 marks)

5. Find a synonym and an antonym for the word 'Strong'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a jungle clearing, holding a large magnifying glass over a book filled with floating, colourful words.



Extension challenge: Choose three of your new synonyms and write a short, descriptive paragraph (3–4 sentences) about an adventure Max is having in the jungle. Ensure your vocabulary choices make the scene feel vivid for the reader.