

Year 6 English: Vocabulary Mastery Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate precise vocabulary selection, understanding of synonyms and antonyms, and the use of formal and informal language in context.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your answers are written in clear, grammatically correct British English. Pay attention to the mark allocation for each question.

Max the monkey sat on a sturdy branch, looking down at the forest floor. He had spent all morning trying to calculate the number of seeds in a giant pumpkin. 'This is a difficult task,' he muttered. Suddenly, Pip the caterpillar crawled past. 'Do not worry, Max,' Pip chirped. 'You are very good at solving problems. Just take a moment to think about your next step.' Max smiled, feeling much better about his maths puzzle.

Word bank: Resilient · Gargantuan · Ponder · Obscure · Exquisite · Reluctant · Vibrant

1. Find a synonym for the word 'difficult' in the passage above. Write a sentence of your own using this synonym. (2 marks)

2. Choose one word from the provided word bank that could replace the word 'giant' in the passage. Explain why this word is a good choice. (2 marks)

3. Identify the antonym (opposite) for the word 'reluctant' from the word bank and write a definition for it. (2 marks)

4. Rewrite the following informal sentence into formal English suitable for a report: 'Max was super happy because he finally got the answer right.' (3 marks)

5. Explain the difference in meaning between the words 'obscure' and 'vibrant' using an example for each. (4 marks)

6. Select two words from the word bank and write a short, descriptive paragraph (4-6 sentences) about a scene in a library, ensuring you use both words correctly in context. (5 marks)

7. Why is it important to use precise vocabulary when writing a story? Provide an example of how changing one verb can alter the mood of a sentence. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey solving a complex puzzle. Label his expression using at least two sophisticated adjectives from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension: Can you think of a prefix or suffix that changes 'resilient' into a noun? Explain how the word's meaning changes when the suffix is added.