

Max's Magnificent Maths-Vocabulary Challenge

Learning objective: To improve vocabulary range by identifying synonyms, antonyms, and context-appropriate word choices for Year 6 level writing.

Help Max the monkey solve these word puzzles! Read each question carefully and choose the best word to complete the sentence or describe the meaning. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. A, 3. True, 4. B, 5. C, 6. False, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Precise, 10. Antonym.

Word bank: Synonym · Antonym · Formal · Informal · Context · Cohesion · Precision

1. Which word is a synonym for 'enormous'? A) Tiny B) Immense* C) Average D) Slight (1 mark)

2. Which of these is the most formal way to say 'ask'? A) Inquire* B) Pop the question C) Grill D) Chat (1 mark)

3. True or False: An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. (1 mark)

4. Choose the best word to complete the sentence: The scientist made a _____ observation during the experiment. A) blurry B) meticulous* C) messy D) quick (1 mark)

5. What is the definition of 'ambiguous'? A) Very clear B) Impossible C) Having more than one possible meaning* D) Extremely colourful (1 mark)

6. True or False: You should always use 'slang' words in a formal letter to a headteacher. (1 mark)

7. Which word best replaces 'good' to make your writing more powerful? A) Fine B) Okay C) Exceptional* D) Nice (1 mark)

8. True or False: The 'context' of a sentence helps you work out the meaning of an unfamiliar word. (1 mark)

9. Max needs a word that means 'exact and accurate'. Can you name it? (Hint: starts with P) (1 mark)

10. What do you call a word that means the opposite of another? (One word answer) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey wearing a detective hat, holding a magnifying glass and looking at a giant dictionary.



Extension challenge: Pick three words from your answers today. Write a short, adventurous paragraph about Pip the caterpillar exploring a garden, ensuring you use all three words correctly to make your description more vivid.