

Writing a Story with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To structure a short story using a beginning, a middle, and an end.

Read the opening sentence below. Use the questions to help you plan and write your own story. Use the word bank to help you join your ideas together.

Max the monkey sat in the tall tree and spotted a shiny, golden key hidden in the grass below.

Word bank: First · Then · After that · Suddenly · Finally · because · so · next · happily

1. The Beginning: Who else is with Max, and where are they? Start your story by saying: Max was sitting in the tree with... (2 marks)

2. The Middle: What happens when they go to pick up the key? Start your story by saying: They climbed down the tree and... (2 marks)

3. The Climax: What does the key open? Start your story by saying: Suddenly, they found a small wooden box that looked... (2 marks)

4. The Ending: How does the story finish? Start your story by saying: Finally, they opened the box and saw... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add an adjective to describe the key? (For example: a heavy, golden key or a tiny, rusty key).