

Verbal Reasoning: Logic and Patterns with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To develop verbal reasoning skills by identifying word relationships, patterns, and logical sequences in line with Grade 4 expectations.

Help Max the Monkey solve these logic puzzles. Read each question carefully and think about how the words relate to one another before choosing or writing your answer.

Max the Monkey is sorting his collection of jungle puzzles. He needs your help to finish these verbal reasoning challenges by spotting the connections between words.

Word bank: Opposites · Synonyms · Categories · Sequences · Relationships

1. Find the word that does NOT belong in this group: Apple, Banana, Carrot, Grape, Strawberry. Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

2. If 'Hot' is to 'Cold', then 'Fast' is to what? Choose the best word: Quick, Slow, Running, Swift. (1 mark)

3. Complete the sequence: January, March, May, ... (Hint: Look at the months). (1 mark)

4. Find the word that is a synonym for 'Huge': Tiny, Gigantic, Small, Narrow. (1 mark)

5. If the word 'DOG' is written as 'GOD', how would you write 'STAR' in the same code? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey holding a sign that shows an example of an opposite word pair, such as 'Light' and 'Heavy'.



Extension challenge: Can you create your own 'odd one out' question for a friend? Write a list of four words where one does not fit, and explain why.