Max’s Magnificent Maths and Meaning Quiz

Learning objective: To develop verbal reasoning skills including synonyms, antonyms, word patterns, and logical deduction.

Help Max the monkey solve these puzzles! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember to think like a puzzle-solver.

Answer Key: 1. C (Happy), 2. False, 3. Cold, 4. B (Slow), 5. D (7), 6. True, 7. B (Jump), 8. Cat, 9. 12, 10. False

Word bank: Synonym · Antonym · Pattern · Logic · Sequence

1. 1. Which word is a synonym for 'joyful'? A) Sad, B) Angry, C) Happy*, D) Bored (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'Tiny' and 'Small' are antonyms. (1 mark)

3. 3. If Hot is to Summer, then what is to Winter? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Which word is the odd one out? A) Quick, B) Slow*, C) Fast, D) Speedy (1 mark)

5. 5. Find the missing number in the sequence: 1, 3, 5, ... A) 4, B) 8, C) 6, D) 7* (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: The word 'bright' is an antonym for 'dull'. (1 mark)

7. 7. If Bird is to Fly, then Frog is to... A) Swim, B) Jump*, C) Crawl, D) Slide (1 mark)

8. 8. Complete the word pattern: Dog, Cat, Dog, ... (One word answer) (1 mark)

9. 9. If 2 + 2 = 4, and 3 + 3 = 6, what does 6 + 6 equal? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: 'Beautiful' and 'Ugly' are synonyms. (1 mark)

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

Extension challenge: Think of three pairs of antonyms. Can you write a short sentence using one word from each pair?