

A Day in the Enchanted Orchard

Learning objective: To identify and use expanded noun phrases to add detail and description to writing.

Read the story about Max the monkey's day in the orchard. Look carefully at how the author uses adjectives to describe the nouns. Then, answer the questions below.

Max the monkey swung through the lush, green canopy of the Enchanted Orchard. He was searching for a tasty, golden pear to share with his friends. He spotted a tall, ancient tree standing in the centre of the meadow. Its gnarled, brown branches were heavy with delicious, ripe fruit. Max carefully picked a smooth, yellow pear and placed it into his sturdy, woven basket. Nearby, a tiny, colourful butterfly fluttered past his ear, landing on a bright, fragrant flower. Max smiled as he thought about the lovely, refreshing picnic he would have with his friends. The warm, golden sun shone down through the thick, leafy branches, making the whole forest glow. It was a perfect, peaceful afternoon for an explorer like Max. He felt lucky to be surrounded by such beautiful, natural wonders while he gathered food for the afternoon feast.

Word bank: adjective · noun · phrase · description · detail

1. What does Max put the pear into? Use the expanded noun phrase from the text. (2 marks)

2. List two adjectives used to describe the tree in the orchard. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author chose to use the word 'gnarled' to describe the tree branches? (2 marks)

4. How can you tell that Max is a kind and thoughtful character? (2 marks)

5. Do you think the Enchanted Orchard is a nice place to visit? Explain why using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey in the orchard. Include at least two expanded noun phrases from the text in your drawing (e.g., draw a 'tiny, colourful butterfly' or a 'sturdy, woven basket').



Extension challenge: Write three of your own expanded noun phrases to describe a different type of fruit, such as a strawberry or a melon. Remember to use at least two adjectives for each noun.