Crafting Character Profiles with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to describe a character's appearance and personality.

Max the Monkey is planning a big jungle adventure, but he needs to describe his new team members so they don't get lost! Choose one adjective from the word bank to describe the appearance, and one from the word bank to describe the personality for each character. Then, write a short sentence for each using an expanded noun phrase (e.g., 'the fluffy, energetic monkey').

Word bank: shimmering · clumsy · cheerful · spiky · brave · gentle · golden · mischievous · polite · spotted

1. 1. Look at 'Pip the Caterpillar'. Choose one appearance adjective and one personality adjective. Write a sentence describing Pip. (2 marks)

2. 2. Look at 'Zara the Zebra'. Choose one appearance adjective and one personality adjective. Write a sentence describing Zara. (2 marks)

3. 3. Look at 'Leo the Lion'. Choose one appearance adjective and one personality adjective. Write a sentence describing Leo. (2 marks)

4. 4. Why is it helpful to use an adjective before a noun when describing a character? (2 marks)

5. 5. Think of your own character. Write one expanded noun phrase to describe them (e.g., 'the tall, green frog'). (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your own original character in the space below. Label them with at least three interesting adjectives that describe how they look.

Extension challenge: Challenge: Max the Monkey wants to buy snacks for the team. If an apple costs £1.20 and a banana costs £0.80, how much would it cost to buy one of each for your character? Show your working out.