Character Creation Workshop with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases, precise adjectives, and relative clauses to create a detailed character description.

Max the Monkey loves to solve puzzles, and he thinks that every great story starts with a unique character! Use this template to build your own original character. Focus on 'showing, not telling'—instead of saying a character is 'happy', describe how their eyes crinkle or how they hum a cheerful tune.

Word bank: meticulous · vibrant · enigmatic · resilient · glistening · formidable · graceful · shimmering · determined · unexpected

1. Name and Appearance: Create a name for your character. Describe their physical appearance using at least two expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'The dusty, golden cloak that hung loosely over her shoulders'). (2 marks)

2. Personality and Traits: What is this character like? Use an adjective to describe their personality and explain how they act in a tricky situation. (2 marks)

3. The Hidden Secret: Every character has a secret. Write a sentence using a relative clause (starting with who, which, or whose) to reveal something mysterious about them. (2 marks)

4. Motivations: What does your character want more than anything else? Describe their goal and why it matters to them. (2 marks)

5. Signature Item: If your character always carries one object in their pocket or bag, what is it and why is it special? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Now that you have your character, write a short paragraph (50-80 words) describing them entering a room for the first time. How do they walk? How do people react to them?