Reporting on the Great Garden Discovery

Learning objective: To structure a newspaper report using a headline, introduction, and chronological paragraphs.

Help Max the monkey write a front-page story about a mysterious giant acorn found in the school playground. Use the prompts below to build your report.

Chaos erupted in the school playground yesterday when a colossal, golden acorn was discovered buried beneath the old oak tree.

Word bank: suddenly · meanwhile · consequently · astonishingly · yesterday afternoon · in addition · eyewitness · reportedly

1. Headline: Create a catchy title for your report. (Hint: Use alliteration or exciting words!) (1 mark)

2. Introduction: Who, what, where, and when? Start with: Yesterday, a mysterious discovery was made by... (2 marks)

3. The Details: What exactly happened? Describe the acorn. Start with: The object appeared to be... (3 marks)

4. Eyewitness Quote: What did someone see? Start with: 'I could not believe my eyes,' stated... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: What will happen next? Start with: Officials are now investigating to find out... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing a squirrel who saw the acorn arrive! Write three questions you would ask them using a question mark.