Max and the First Aid Heroes

1. Zainab tripped on a tree root and scraped her knee. (2 marks)

Working: Evidence: 'Zainab tripped on a tree root and scraped her knee.'

1 mark for mentioning the tree root, 1 mark for mentioning the scraped knee.

2. Max told Jack to go and find a teacher. (1 mark)

Working: Evidence: 'told Jack to go and find a teacher who was nearby.'

Award 1 mark for identifying the teacher.

3. Max spoke in a gentle, quiet voice to help Zainab feel brave and calm. (2 marks)

Look for: The child should identify that the voice helps Zainab feel better or brave.

Good: He wanted her to feel brave.

Better: He spoke quietly to help her feel brave because she was crying.

Best: Max used a gentle voice to comfort Zainab and help her feel brave after she scraped her knee.

What moves an answer up: Moving from good to best involves linking the action (gentle voice) to the specific emotional outcome (comfort/bravery).

4. Max is a good friend because he stayed with Zainab instead of running away, and he knew how to get help. (2 marks)

Look for: Evidence of Max staying with his friend or getting help.

Good: He is a good friend because he helped her.

Better: He is a good friend because he stayed with Zainab and told Jack to get a teacher.

Best: Max is a good friend because he stayed with Zainab to comfort her and remembered his First Aid Hero training to get an adult.

What moves an answer up: Moving from good to best involves using specific actions from the text to justify the opinion.

5. It is important to stay calm so you can think clearly and help the person who is hurt without making them feel more worried. (2 marks)

Look for: The child should explain that calmness helps with thinking or helping others.

Good: It helps because you don't panic.

Better: It is important because if you stay calm, you can help the person better.

Best: Staying calm is important because it helps you think clearly about what to do and keeps the injured person from feeling scared.

What moves an answer up: Moving from good to best involves explaining the 'why' behind the action of staying calm.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer shows the child can locate specific facts in the text and link them to the characters' actions and feelings.

If your child is stuck

Ask the child to point to the sentence in the story where Max talks to Zainab. Ask: 'How does that make Zainab feel?'

Common mistakes to watch for

Children may forget to mention the 'adult' part of the emergency plan or focus only on the injury rather than the emotional support Max provided.