# Max and the Bright Night Sky

*Learning objective: I can answer questions about a story to show I understand what I have read.*

*About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Read the story aloud with your child first to help them hear the rhythm of the words.*

Read the story carefully. Answer the questions in the space provided. To help, you can underline the parts of the story that give you the answer. Example: If the question asks 'What is the colour of the cat?', look for the word 'colour' in the text and see what word comes next.

It is a cold evening in November. Max the monkey is excited. He wears his thick coat and a warm hat. Tonight is the night for fireworks! Max looks up at the sky. Suddenly, a bright light shoots up. Pop! A big red star blooms in the dark air. Max claps his hands with joy. Next, a yellow one spins like a wheel. The air smells like smoke and wood. Max feels happy as he watches the colours dance. His friend, Nova the owl, flies down to sit next to him. They watch the show together until the very last spark fades away. It is a brilliant night.

*Word bank: sparkle · fireworks · bright · cheer · autumn*

### 1. What is the weather like in the story? (1 mark)

### 2. What two things does Max wear to stay warm? (2 marks)

### 3. How does Max feel when he sees the fireworks? Find the word in the text that tells you. (1 mark)

### 4. Why do you think Nova the owl joins Max for the show? Give a reason. (2 marks)

**5. Which firework would you like to see most? Tell me why. (2 marks)**

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**Draw: Draw a picture of Max and Nova watching a bright, colourful firework in the night sky.**

*Extension challenge: Write down two other words that rhyme with 'bright' or 'star'.*

**I did it!** **Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

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