

Literacy activity - 24.6.20

Today we are going to be reading a short story by Pie Corbett. You can either read the story on the next page or listen to the story at: <https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/maxs-jungle/s-7mdf7356etd>

You should

Listen to or read the story and then talk about what happened at the beginning, middle and end. Then ask your child the following comprehension questions:

- *What did Max see in the jungle?*
- *I think Max felt puzzled when he saw the old wooden door. How do you think he felt?*
- *Why did Max hide behind a tree?*
- *How did Max find his way back home?*
- *Do you know any other stories about jungles and animals?*
- *What did you like most about the story?*

You could

Draw a picture of Max's jungle. Think about the words used in the story to describe what the jungle looked like. On the third page there is a frame for you to use if you want or you could draw your picture on a piece of paper.

Max's Jungle Adventure

(As you listen to my story, think about - where I go, - who I meet - and what I see. And you could add in the sound effects!)

Late one cold, wet afternoon, when the sky was covered with grey clouds, Max went for a walk through a forest. As he walked, he left a trail of muddy paw prints.



At the end of the path, he discovered an old wooden door covered in green leaves. He nudged it gently with his nose and, very slowly, it began to creak open. Max stepped through.

To his amazement, he found himself in the middle of a bright, sunny jungle. Max looked up. Above him, he saw tall trees stretching into the blue sky like gigantic pencils. Below on the ground, he saw strange round flowers with shiny leaves and red spotted petals like a ladybird. Around him orange butterflies and red parrots fluttered and flew. Everywhere Max looked he could see so many colours. It was like being wrapped in a rainbow!



Max listened. He heard monkeys chattering as they swung through the trees, parrots screeching from high in the branches and snakes hissing as they slid through the grass. "It's very noisy in the jungle!" thought Max.

Roar! Suddenly, a tiger roared so loudly that Max jumped behind a tree and hid. Fortunately, the tiger was a friendly tiger. "Welcome to our jungle!" said Tiger. "It's my birthday and we're having a party. Would you like to join us?" asked Tiger."

"That sounds like fun. Yes please!" barked Max.

So Max, Tiger and all the jungle animals played music, sang songs and danced until the stars began to twinkle in the night sky. At last, it was time for Max to go. He thanked his new friends and said goodbye. Then he stepped through the old wooden door and followed his muddy paw prints all the way home.

Max was just getting into his bed when he noticed something very strange. His bandana was no longer blue! It had changed colour! Now it was orange with black stripes - just like the pattern on the tiger's fur! Max smiled happily, curled up in his cosy bed and fell asleep dreaming of his new friends and his next adventure.

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