

MAXLIBS

A 'Parts of Speech' Game Beyond Measure

Find a partner and without showing your partner the paper, ask him or her to give you the parts of speech under each blank line. When all the the parts of speech are filled in, read the page aloud, and laugh!

Magnus Goes to the Zoo

The Zookeeper had a problem. He had been offered a family of elephants by Queen Victoria herself, but he did not know where he would put them in the already crowded zoo. He called upon Magnus Maximus, the town's official measurer, thinking if there was space to be found, Magnus would discover it. Magnus Maximus arrived promptly the next morning and set to work.

First, Magnus measured the zebra's _____ and scratching his head decided
noun
he must know circumference of the monkey's _____. Then he pulled out
noun
his pad of paper and began to count the spots on the _____'s neck, and the
noun (animal)
dampness of the seal's _____. "Ah ha!" he declared as he hurried into the
noun
_____ and weighed all the _____ and measured
noun **noun (plural)**
all their _____.
noun (plural)

Magnus Maximus then summoned the Zookeeper and said, "Your elephant problem is quite a
_____ puzzle. But I have discovered a _____
adjective **adjective**
answer. You only need to _____ the zoo animals and
verb
_____ their cages to create the space you need."
verb

The Zookeeper was quite confused by Magnus' solution, but did as he was told. The result
was too _____ to imagine. Should he ask Magnus Maximus to return?
adjective

This activity is based on the picture book, **Magnus Maximus: A Marvelous Measurer** by Kathleen T. Pelley and illustrated by S.D. Schindler (Published by FSG Books for Young Readers)