

Max's Magnificent Grammar Garden

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, and determiners accurately.

Help Max the monkey tidy up his grammar garden! Answer these 10 questions to help his sentences grow strong and tall.

Answer Key: 1. C; 2. True; 3. A; 4. False; 5. B; 6. Comma; 7. D; 8. True; 9. Adjective; 10. B.

Word bank: Fronted adverbial · Determiner · Expanded noun phrase · Comma · Conjunction

1. 1. Which of these is a fronted adverbial? A) The monkey climbed. B) Quickly, Max climbed the tree. C) Max climbed. D) Climbing is fun. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Every fronted adverbial must be followed by a comma. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which sentence contains an expanded noun phrase? A) The fluffy, golden monkey ate a banana. B) Max ate. C) The banana is yellow. D) Monkeys jump. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: 'A' and 'An' are types of verbs. (1 mark)

5. 5. Choose the correct determiner: 'I saw ____ owl in the tree.' A) a B) an C) the D) some (1 mark)

6. 6. What punctuation mark do you use after a fronted adverbial? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

7. 7. Which sentence is written in the past tense? A) Max climbs. B) Max will climb. C) Max is climbing. D) Max climbed. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A conjunction is used to join two clauses together. (1 mark)

9. 9. In the phrase 'the bright, shining sun', what word class is 'bright'? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

10. 10. Which sentence uses a fronted adverbial to show time? A) Happily, Max sang. B) Yesterday, Max found a lost coin worth £1. C) Near the river, Max played. D) Silently, Max sat. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting under a tree, holding a sign that says 'Fronted Adverbial' with a comma clearly visible on it.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own about Max. Each sentence must start with a fronted adverbial showing either time, place, or manner (e.g., 'At midnight, ...' or 'In the jungle, ...').