

Max the Monkey's Grammar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to add detail to sentences.

Help Max the Monkey organise his jungle notes! Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of grammar to complete the tasks.

Word bank: cautiously · high above the canopy · the ancient, mossy tree · suddenly · with a loud chattering noise · the golden, ripe banana

1. Max found a delicious snack. Rewrite the sentence below by adding an expanded noun phrase to describe the banana. 'Max held the banana.' (2 marks)

2. A fronted adverbial tells us when, where, or how something happens. Choose a fronted adverbial from the word bank to complete this sentence: '_____, Max spotted a bright blue butterfly.' (1 mark)

3. Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'With a loud chattering noise, the monkey swung through the vines.' (1 mark)

4. Write your own sentence about Leo the Lion using a fronted adverbial at the beginning to show how he is walking. (2 marks)

5. Why do we use commas after a fronted adverbial? Explain the rule in your own words. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey sitting in an ancient, mossy tree holding a golden, ripe banana while looking up at the sky.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing an adventure Pip the caterpillar has in the garden. You must include at least one fronted adverbial and one expanded noun phrase.