

Mastering Sentence Structure with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand and use fronted adverbials, conjunctions, and expanded noun phrases to create varied, interesting sentences.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of sentence structure to improve, identify, and write sentences that impress Max the Monkey!

Max the Monkey is busy counting bananas. He wants to make his sentences as clever as his maths puzzles. Help him fix his writing by using the tools in the word bank.

Word bank: Suddenly · because · although · After a while · the enormous, golden sun · quietly · since

1. Max wrote: 'The monkey climbed the tree.' Expand the noun phrase to include two adjectives and a determiner to make the sentence more descriptive. (2 marks)

2. Add a fronted adverbial from the word bank to the start of this sentence: 'Max found a hidden treasure chest.' Remember your comma! (2 marks)

3. Join these two simple sentences using a subordinating conjunction (e.g., because, although, since): 'Max was happy. He solved the tricky maths puzzle.' (2 marks)

4. Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'Without a sound, the clever monkey crept past the sleeping lion.' (1 mark)

5. Rewrite this sentence to make it a complex sentence: 'The bananas were ripe.' (Hint: Add a reason why). (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey sitting in a tall, leafy tree surrounded by his favourite maths puzzles and delicious, golden bananas.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a jungle adventure. You must include at least one fronted adverbial, one expanded noun phrase, and one subordinating conjunction.