

Max the Maths Monkey's Grammar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases correctly in sentences.

Read the story below about Max. Answer the questions to show how well you can spot and use different grammatical features.

Max the monkey was feeling very hungry. Deep in the lush, green jungle, he spotted something unusual hanging from a tall tree. With a quick leap, he grabbed the object. It was a dusty, ancient map that pointed towards a secret treasure. Max followed the path, skipping over muddy puddles and swinging through the thick vines. Suddenly, he found the hidden prize! It was a giant, golden banana waiting for him. Max peeled his treat and smiled, ready for his next big maths puzzle.

Word bank: cautiously · suddenly · in the blink of an eye · a giant, golden banana · a dusty, ancient map · cheerfully

1. Find and copy one fronted adverbial from the passage. Remember to look for the comma! (1 mark)

2. Which phrase in the passage is an expanded noun phrase? Explain how you know it is one. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite this sentence using a fronted adverbial: 'Max climbed the tree.' (2 marks)

4. Add two adjectives to this noun phrase to make it an expanded noun phrase: 'The monkey held a ____, ____ treasure.' (2 marks)

5. Why do we use a comma after a fronted adverbial in a sentence? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding his giant, golden banana while standing next to the dusty, ancient map.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a new adventure for Max. You must include at least one fronted adverbial and one expanded noun phrase.