

Adventure with Max: Building Better Sentences

Learning objective: To use a variety of sentence structures, including fronted adverbials and conjunctions, to make writing more interesting.

Max the monkey has found a mysterious map! Use this writing frame to describe his adventure. Remember to vary your sentence lengths and use the word bank to link your ideas.

High in the emerald canopy of the jungle, Max spotted a glimmer of gold hidden beneath a giant fern.

Word bank: Suddenly · Carefully · Meanwhile · Because · Although · While · Without warning · Eventually · Excitedly

1. Setting the Scene: Where is Max and what does he see? (Try starting with a fronted adverbial like 'Deep in the jungle...')

2. The Discovery: How does Max feel when he finds the map? (Use a conjunction like 'because' or 'and' to explain why).

3. The First Obstacle: What happens as Max starts his journey? (Start your sentence with an adverb like 'Suddenly' or 'Carefully').

4. Overcoming the Challenge: How does Max solve the problem? (Try using a complex sentence to describe his clever solution).

5. The Big Reveal: What was at the end of the map's trail? (Use a descriptive sentence to explain the treasure).

6. The Conclusion: How does the adventure end? (Use a phrase like 'Eventually' or 'Finally' to wrap up your story).

Extension challenge: Can you go back through your writing and add two more fronted adverbials? Check that you have used a comma after each one!