

An Afternoon in the Orchard with Max

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials to describe time, place, and manner.

Read the short story carefully. Look out for the phrases at the beginning of sentences that describe how, when, or where an action happens. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Max the monkey was on a mission to gather snacks for his friends. Early in the morning, he scampered into the golden orchard. Beneath the sprawling apple trees, he searched for the ripest fruit. With great care, he plucked five shiny red apples and placed them into his woven basket. The apples cost £2.00 each, but Max knew his friends would love them. Suddenly, a gentle breeze rustled the leaves, making the branches dance. Near the bubbling stream, Max sat down to count his collection. He checked his maths puzzle again to ensure he had enough for everyone. In the distance, he could see Pip the caterpillar waving from a large leaf. Max felt happy knowing he had found the perfect treat for his group. Without a sound, he climbed back up the trunk to share his findings. Every step of the way, Max made sure to move safely. By the time the sun reached the middle of the sky, the monkey had finished his task. He was ready for a well-earned rest.

Word bank: fronted adverbial · comma · time · place · manner · adverb

1. Find and copy one fronted adverbial from the text that describes a place. (1 mark)

2. How many apples did Max collect, and how much did they cost in total? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max was careful when he climbed back up the tree? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'the branches dance' suggest about the wind in the orchard? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good friend? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey in the orchard. Include the apple tree, the stream, and the basket of fruit. Label one fronted adverbial from the story in your drawing.



Extension challenge: Write three new sentences about Max using a different fronted adverbial for each: one about time, one about place, and one about manner.