

Max the Monkey's Grammar Adventure: Descriptive Diary Entry

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to add detail and interest to a diary entry.

Imagine you are spending a day in the jungle with Max the Monkey. Use the boxes below to write a diary entry about your adventure. Try to include at least one fronted adverbial (like 'Suddenly,', 'High above the trees,', or 'With a cheeky grin,') and some expanded noun phrases (like 'the golden, shimmering sun' or 'the tall, leafy trees') to make your writing come alive.

Word bank: Suddenly · Beneath the canopy · With great excitement · After a long climb · In the distance · shimmering · majestic · playful · vibrant · magnificent

1. The Opening: Introduce your day in the jungle with Max. Use a fronted adverbial to explain when or where the action is happening. (2 marks)

2. The Main Adventure: Describe what you and Max did together. Include an expanded noun phrase to describe an object or animal you saw. (3 marks)

3. The Maths Puzzle: Max found a mysterious pile of fruit. Describe the scene using a prepositional phrase to show where the fruit was hidden. (2 marks)

4. The Reflection: How did you feel at the end of the day? Use an adjective to describe your emotions as the sun set. (2 marks)

5. Grammar Check: Look back at your writing. Can you underline one fronted adverbial you have used? (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you add a second fronted adverbial to your diary entry? Ask a partner to see if they can spot both of them!