

Sentence Architect: Building Complex Narratives with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To use fronted adverbials, conjunctions, and expanded noun phrases to construct varied and sophisticated sentences.

Help Kit the Fox design an adventure story. Use the prompts below to build your sentences. Focus on using a variety of sentence structures: start with a fronted adverbial, combine two clauses with a conjunction, and add descriptive detail to your nouns to make your writing sparkle.

Word bank: cautiously · in the distance · meanwhile · although · because · shimmering · mysterious · enormous · swiftly · nevertheless

1. The Setting: Write a sentence describing where Kit the Fox is exploring. Start your sentence with a fronted adverbial (e.g., 'Deep in the heart of the forest...'). (3 marks)

2. The Discovery: Describe the object Kit finds. Use an expanded noun phrase (e.g., 'the rusty, ancient key'). Why is this object significant? (4 marks)

3. The Challenge: Describe a problem Kit faces. Use a subordinating conjunction (e.g., 'although', 'unless', 'until') to connect your ideas. (3 marks)

4. The Solution: Explain how Kit uses his cleverness to solve the problem. Compare Kit's approach to how another animal might react. (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why did you choose the specific fronted adverbial in your first sentence? How does it change the mood of the story? (3 marks)

6. Creative Extension: What might happen if Kit discovered that the object he found was actually a map leading to a hidden library? Write a final, complex sentence predicting the outcome. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Review your work. Can you identify one sentence that could be improved by moving the adverbial to a different position? Rewrite it and explain why the new position creates a better flow for the reader.