

Max's Maths Shop: A Descriptive Writing Frame

Learning objective: To use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to describe a setting.

Max the monkey has opened a shop where he sells puzzles and games. Use the word bank and the prompts below to write a description of the shop. Remember to use a comma after your fronted adverbials!

Max's shop was a peculiar place filled with towering shelves and the faint smell of old parchment.

Word bank: cautiously · in the corner · shimmering · wooden · beside the counter · meanwhile · without delay · brightly coloured

1. Fronted Adverbial: Start by describing how you enter the shop. Use a fronted adverbial about time or place (e.g., 'With a happy grin, Max opened the door.'). (2 marks)

2. Expanded Noun Phrases: Describe the items on the shelves. Use adjectives to add detail (e.g., 'The dusty, wooden shelves held mysterious, golden puzzles.'). (2 marks)

3. Conjunctions: Explain what Max is doing in the shop. Use a conjunction like 'because', 'while', or 'although' to link your ideas. (2 marks)

4. Sentence Variety: Write a short sentence about the price of an item using £ (e.g., 'A shiny brain-teaser costs exactly £3.50.'). (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: How do you feel when you leave the shop? Start with 'As you step outside...' to finish your paragraph. (2 marks)

*Extension challenge: Can you add a sentence containing a plural possessive apostrophe? For example:
'The monkeys' shop is the best in town!'*