

Max's Mathematical Grammar Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials to improve the cohesion and flow of descriptive sentences.

Max the monkey is organising his collection of mathematical puzzles. To keep them in order, he uses 'fronted adverbials' to describe when, where, or how he plays with them. Match the fronted adverbials from the word bank to the sentences below, ensuring they are followed by a comma. For the greater depth section, write your own sentences using a variety of adverbials to describe a day in the life of our BookFlik friends.

Word bank: Without a moment's hesitation, · In the quiet corners of the library, · With great excitement, · High above the treetops, · Before the sun had risen, · Near the crystal-clear river,

1. _____ Pip the caterpillar curled up with a new book. (Choose a time-based adverbial). Explain why the comma is necessary after the adverbial. (2 marks)

2. _____ Max calculated the total cost of his supplies, which came to £12.50. (Choose a manner-based adverbial). Justify your choice of adverbial for this context. (2 marks)

3. _____ Nova gazed at the constellations. (Choose a place-based adverbial). What might happen to the meaning of the sentence if you moved the adverbial to the end of the sentence? (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How does starting a sentence with a fronted adverbial change the reader's focus compared to starting with the subject (e.g., 'Pip curled up...')? (2 marks)

5. Identify the error: 'Quietly he walked into the room.' Rewrite this sentence correctly using a fronted adverbial and a comma. (2 marks)

6. Justify your answer: Is the phrase 'The monkey' a fronted adverbial? Explain your reasoning using your knowledge of word classes. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Max the monkey is sorting his maths puzzle pieces. Include one item that costs £4.25 and one that costs £2.75, labelling the total cost in the corner of your drawing.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing a collaborative project involving three BookFlik characters. You must use at least three different fronted adverbials (one for time, one for place, and one for manner) to enhance your descriptive writing.