

Mastering Fronted Adverbials with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify, punctuate, and use fronted adverbials to add detail and variety to sentences.

Read each question carefully. Remember that a fronted adverbial is a word or phrase at the beginning of a sentence that describes how, when, or where an action takes place. Always remember your comma after the fronted adverbial!

Max the monkey is busy solving mathematical puzzles in the rainforest. Help him structure his sentences by correctly placing and punctuating fronted adverbials.

Word bank: Cautiously · Without warning · In the dense jungle · During the morning · Beneath the golden sun · Suddenly · With great excitement

1. Rewrite this sentence by adding a fronted adverbial of time at the beginning: 'Max counted the bananas.' Ensure you include the correct punctuation. (2 marks)

2. Identify the fronted adverbial in the following sentence: 'High above the trees, the eagle soared.' Explain why the comma is necessary in this position. (2 marks)

3. Choose a fronted adverbial from the word bank to complete this sentence: '_____ Max found the hidden treasure map.' (1 mark)

4. Compare and contrast these two sentences: 'Max climbed the tree quickly' and 'Quickly, Max climbed the tree.' Which sentence places more emphasis on the speed of his movement? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about Max the monkey using a fronted adverbial that describes where he is standing. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting on a branch in the jungle, surrounded by maths equations written on large tropical leaves.



Extension challenge: What might happen if a writer used too many fronted adverbials in a single paragraph? Write a short, two-sentence explanation and then create a 'Greater Depth' example paragraph where you use three different types of fronted adverbials (time, place, and manner) to describe Max solving a complex puzzle.