

Mastering Grammar with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and apply advanced grammatical features including relative clauses, modal verbs, and cohesive devices suitable for Year 5 pupils.

Review these flashcards to sharpen your grammatical precision. Max the Monkey has broken down these tricky concepts into bite-sized puzzles for you to solve.

What is a relative clause?

A clause that adds extra information to a noun, usually starting with a relative pronoun like who, which, where, or whose.

Which relative pronoun should be used to refer to a person?

Who (or whom).

What is the function of a modal verb?

To show the level of possibility, ability, permission, or obligation (e.g., must, might, could, should).

Define a cohesive device.

A word or phrase that connects ideas within or between sentences to help the text flow (e.g., furthermore, consequently, meanwhile).

What punctuation marks can be used to show parenthesis?

Commas, brackets, or dashes.

Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'Quietly, the fox crept through the forest.'

Quietly.

What is the difference between a coordinating and a subordinating conjunction?

Coordinating (FANBOYS) joins two main clauses of equal weight; subordinating joins a main clause to a subordinate clause.

Explain the purpose of an expanded noun phrase.

To add detail to a noun by using adjectives or prepositional phrases to create a more vivid image.

What is a determiner?

A word that introduces a noun and specifies which one or how many (e.g., the, a, those, every).

How do you correctly use a semi-colon?

To join two independent clauses that are closely related in meaning without using a conjunction.