

Mastering Relative Clauses with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use relative clauses effectively to add extra information to sentences.

Max the Monkey is trying to organise his jungle maths puzzles, but he needs your help to make his sentences more detailed! Read each question carefully and use relative pronouns like 'who', 'which', 'where', 'when', 'whose', or 'that' to combine or improve these sentences.

Max is a monkey who loves solving puzzles. He keeps his maths equipment in a wooden box, which is painted bright yellow. The jungle is a place where many animals live. Max has a friend, Ellie, whose memory is excellent.

Word bank: who · which · where · whose · that

1. Combine these two sentences into one using a relative pronoun: 'The tree is very tall. It stands in the middle of the jungle.' (2 marks)

2. Add a relative clause to this sentence to describe the subject: 'The monkey held a banana.' (2 marks)

3. Choose the correct relative pronoun to complete this sentence: 'Leo, _____ is a brave lion, led the group through the long grass.' (1 mark)

4. Rewrite this sentence by inserting a relative clause: 'Pip the caterpillar read a book.' (Hint: tell us something extra about the book or the caterpillar.) (2 marks)

5. Explain why we use commas around some relative clauses but not others. Give an example. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey solving a giant maths puzzle on a chalkboard, and include a relative clause in a speech bubble above his head, for example: 'This puzzle, which is very tricky, is great fun!'



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a day in the life of Nova the Owl. You must include at least two relative clauses in your writing to describe the stars or her night-time adventures.