

Max the Monkey's Magical Story Structure

Learning objective: To use a range of conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to structure a creative story.

Max the Monkey wants to go on an adventure! Use the prompts below to build your story. Remember to use the word bank to join your ideas together and add extra detail to your sentences.

Max the monkey adjusted his small, worn-out rucksack and looked towards the edge of the deep, emerald-green jungle.

Word bank: because · although · meanwhile · suddenly · as a result · in the distance · eventually · bright and colourful

1. The Beginning: Introduce Max and his goal. Where is he going and why? Start with: Max decided to set off on his journey because... (2 marks)

2. The Middle (The Problem): What challenge does Max face on his way? Start with: Suddenly, the path became blocked by... (2 marks)

3. The Middle (The Solution): How does Max solve his problem using his maths skills? Start with: Thinking quickly, Max realised that if he... (2 marks)

4. The Ending: How does the adventure finish? Start with: Eventually, the sun began to set as Max arrived at... (2 marks)

5. Check your work: Can you add one adjective to describe a noun (like 'tall tree') and one adverb to describe an action (like 'walked slowly')? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to write one sentence that uses a conjunction (like 'although' or 'because') to link two ideas together. Can you include a fronted adverbial at the start of your sentence, such as 'Slowly, the monkey climbed the tree'?