

Max's Magnificent Sentence Architect Workshop

Learning objective: To identify and construct complex sentences using a range of conjunctions and relative clauses.

Max the monkey has been busy building sentences, but he has mixed up his clauses! Your task is to act as the 'Sentence Architect'. Look at the word bank provided. Use the phrases to construct three complete sentences by matching a main clause with a subordinate or relative clause. Ensure your sentences are punctuated correctly with commas where needed.

Word bank: although it was raining · who lives in the tall oak tree · which was hidden in the jungle · Max climbed the tree · Nova the owl is wise · The ancient map was dusty

1. Using the word bank, construct a complex sentence starting with the main clause: 'Max climbed the tree'. (2 marks)

2. Construct a sentence using the relative clause 'who lives in the tall oak tree' to describe Nova. (2 marks)

3. Construct a sentence using the main clause 'The ancient map was dusty' and the remaining phrase from the word bank. (2 marks)

4. Why must we use a comma when the subordinate clause comes before the main clause? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

5. Max wants to add a fronted adverbial to his sentence. Write a new, original sentence starting with: 'High above the canopy, ...' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Max the monkey sitting on a branch holding a scroll, with Nova the owl perched above him in the oak tree, surrounded by floating speech bubbles containing well-structured sentences.



Extension challenge: Choose one of your sentences from the activity and expand it further by adding an extra adjective or a prepositional phrase to provide more detail about the setting.