

Mastering Relative Clauses with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use relative clauses to add extra information to sentences, using relative pronouns such as who, which, where, when, whose, and that.

Max the Monkey loves sorting out complex sentences! Read each task carefully and use relative pronouns to expand your sentences, ensuring your writing is precise and sophisticated.

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

1. Max found a banana. (Expand this sentence by adding a relative clause starting with 'which' to describe the banana). (2 marks)

2. The explorer climbed the mountain. (Expand this sentence by adding a relative clause starting with 'where' to describe the location). (2 marks)

3. Combine these two sentences into one using a relative pronoun: 'The zookeeper was very tired. The zookeeper had been working all day.' (2 marks)

4. Explain why adding a relative clause improves the quality of a piece of creative writing. Give an example to justify your answer. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the use of 'who' and 'which'. When is it inappropriate to use 'who'? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if you removed all relative clauses from a complex non-fiction report? Describe the effect on the reader's understanding. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey sitting in his favourite jungle tree. Around him, draw three speech bubbles containing complex sentences that use relative clauses to describe his surroundings.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing a day in the life of an explorer. You must include at least one relative clause for each relative pronoun listed in the word bank. Challenge yourself to vary the position of your clauses (mid-sentence and end-of-sentence).