

Max's Magnificent Sentence Architect Workshop

Learning objective: To identify, construct, and vary complex sentences using subordinating conjunctions and fronted adverbials to enhance descriptive writing.

Max the Monkey is building a marvellous story about a jungle adventure. He has scattered his sentences across the treetops! Your task is to act as the architect. First, use the word bank to turn the simple sentences into complex ones by adding a subordinating conjunction. Then, rewrite the sentences by adding a fronted adverbial to describe when or where the action is happening. Remember to use a comma after your fronted adverbial!

Word bank: although · because · before · while · after · if · silently · high above the canopy · with a joyful leap · as the sun began to set

1. Max climbed the tree. The monkey found a delicious mango. (Rewrite as one complex sentence using a conjunction from the word bank.) (2 marks)

2. The rain started to fall. The animals hid under the giant leaves. (Rewrite using a conjunction and a fronted adverbial to show when this happened.) (3 marks)

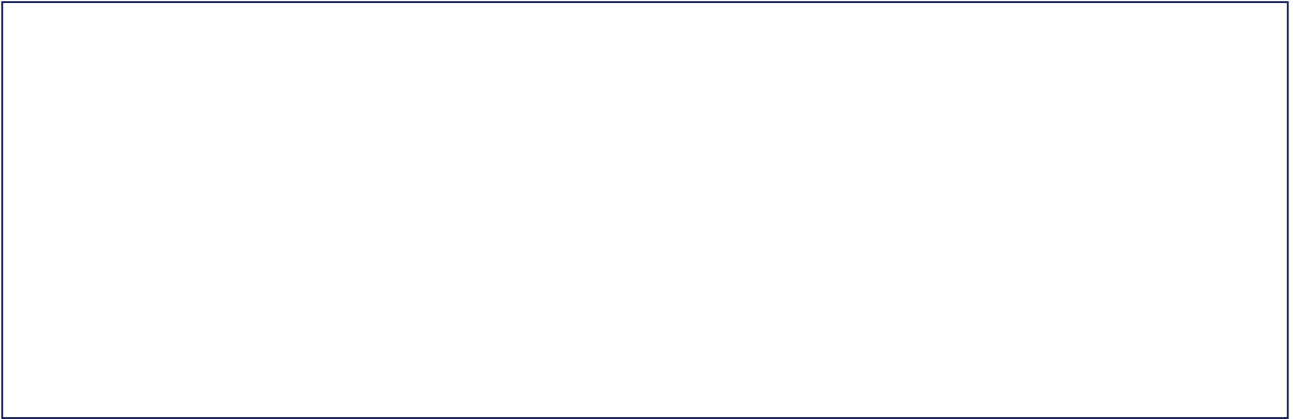
3. Explain why adding a fronted adverbial changes the 'mood' or 'atmosphere' of a sentence compared to a simple sentence. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast a coordinating conjunction (like 'and') with a subordinating conjunction (like 'although'). Which one makes a sentence sound more sophisticated? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

5. What might happen to the reader's understanding if you accidentally forgot to place a comma after a fronted adverbial? (2 marks)

6. Construct a complex sentence about a hidden treasure in the jungle that uses both a fronted adverbial AND a subordinating conjunction. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Max the Monkey in his jungle home, and label three different parts of the environment using a complex sentence for each label.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing a day in the life of Max. You must include at least two fronted adverbials, one complex sentence using 'although', and one sentence using the conjunction 'before'.