

Max's Sentence Structure Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and use different sentence structures, including fronted adverbials, relative clauses, and conjunctions.

Help Max the monkey organise his word collection! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. Fronted adverbial, 5. C, 6. Relative clause, 7. B, 8. True, 9. Conjunction, 10. D. Explanation: A relative clause adds extra information using words like who, which, or that.

Word bank: Fronted adverbial · Relative clause · Conjunction · Subordinate clause · Main clause

1. 1. Which option correctly identifies a sentence with a fronted adverbial? A) Quietly, the monkey climbed the tree.* B) The monkey climbed the tree quietly. C) The monkey, who was fast, climbed the tree. D) The monkey climbed the tree and ate a banana. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A main clause must contain a subject and a verb to make sense on its own. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: A subordinate clause can always stand alone as a complete sentence. (True/False) (1 mark)

4. 4. In the sentence 'After the rain stopped, we went outside', what is the term for the phrase 'After the rain stopped'? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which word is a subordinating conjunction? A) and B) but C) although* D) or (1 mark)

6. 6. Identify the type of clause in bold: The book, ****which Pip found in the library****, was full of adventures. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which sentence uses a relative pronoun? A) Max likes bananas. B) Leo, who is a lion, loves poetry.* C) The sun is hot. D) Pip reads books. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A comma is usually placed after a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence. (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the blank: The word 'because' is an example of a _____. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which is a multi-clause sentence? A) Max ran. B) Pip read. C) Zara painted. D) Max ran while Pip read.* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting under a large tree, holding a sign that says 'Sentence Structure Expert' with a list of his favourite grammar words floating around him in bubbles.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a day in the life of Nova the owl. Your paragraph must include one sentence with a fronted adverbial, one sentence with a relative clause, and one sentence using a subordinating conjunction.