

Crafting Compelling Stories with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To understand and apply narrative techniques including fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, and character development to create an engaging story.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of story structure and descriptive language to provide detailed answers. Use your best handwriting and remember to check your punctuation.

Max the monkey is planning a jungle adventure story, and Pip the caterpillar is helping him choose the perfect words to describe the setting and the action. To make a story truly come alive, we need to show the reader what is happening through careful word choices and varied sentence structures.

Word bank: Fronted adverbial · Expanded noun phrase · Atmospheric · Protagonist · Climax · Resolution · Metaphor

1. Max wants to start his story with a fronted adverbial to set the scene. Write a sentence describing a sunrise in the jungle using a fronted adverbial. (Example: As the sun rose, ...)
(2 marks)

2. Pip needs an expanded noun phrase to describe a hidden treasure chest found by a river. Write a phrase using at least two adjectives and a prepositional phrase. (2 marks)

3. Every great story has a climax. Explain in one or two sentences what the 'climax' of a story is and why it is important for keeping the reader interested. (2 marks)

4. If Max's story is about a monkey who loses his map, list three 'show, don't tell' actions the monkey might take to show he is feeling worried without using the word 'worried'. (3 marks)

5. Look at this sentence: 'The monkey walked through the forest.' Rewrite this sentence to make it more descriptive by adding a powerful verb and an adverb. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the setting for your story. Include a label for one 'expanded noun phrase' that describes an object in your drawing (e.g., 'the ancient, moss-covered stone statue').



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) that acts as the 'Resolution' to Max's story about the lost map. Ensure you use at least one piece of direct speech with correctly placed inverted commas.