

Max's Magnificent Market Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials to improve descriptive writing.

Read the text carefully. Identify the fronted adverbials used to describe time, place, and manner. Answer the questions below using full sentences and clear evidence from the text.

Max the monkey stood at the edge of the bustling town market, clutching his basket of shiny red apples. Beneath the colourful striped awnings, traders shouted their prices, selling fresh vegetables for £1.50 a bunch. Max needed to solve a tricky maths puzzle to buy his lunch. With a focused expression, he counted his coins carefully. Near the bakery, the scent of warm bread wafted through the air, making his tummy rumble. Suddenly, he spotted a stall selling golden honey for £2.00 a jar. Quickly, he calculated his total budget. Across the busy square, he saw his friend Pip the caterpillar waiting patiently. Without hesitation, Max skipped towards her, eager to share his findings. Every step of the way, he kept his coins safe in his pocket. Under the bright afternoon sun, the two friends sat down to enjoy their snack. Max knew that by adding descriptive phrases at the start of his sentences, he could tell his story with much more excitement and flair. He felt like a true master of language, ready to write his next great adventure.

Word bank: adverbial · comma · modify · sentence · fronted · description · comma splice

1. Identify two fronted adverbials from the text that describe where an action is happening. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. How much does the golden honey cost at the market stall? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Max is described as a 'master of language' at the end of the story? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'without hesitation' suggest about Max's feelings when he sees Pip? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you think using fronted adverbials makes a story more interesting to read? Justify your answer using examples from the text. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar sitting together in the town square. Include at least two items from the market with price tags written in pounds (£).



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a different character from the BookFlik team visiting the market. You must include at least three fronted adverbials: one describing time, one describing place, and one describing how something was done.