

Adventures in Adverbials with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials to describe time, place, and manner in sentences.

Read the story below about Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar. Fronted adverbials are words or phrases at the start of a sentence that describe when, where, or how an action happens. They are always followed by a comma. Complete the questions below to show your understanding.

Max the monkey sat high in the canopy, scanning the trees for a challenge. Below him, Pip the caterpillar was busy munching on a leaf. Suddenly, Max spotted a golden puzzle piece hidden under a giant fern. He swung down from his branch to investigate. With a clever grin, Max pieced the clue together. Before long, the friends had solved the riddle of the missing acorn.

Word bank: Cautiously · In the ancient forest · Without hesitation · Every morning · Near the shimmering stream · With great excitement

1. Identify the fronted adverbial in the following sentence: 'Without hesitation, Max jumped to the next branch.' Explain what information this adverbial provides to the reader. (2 marks)

2. Rewrite this sentence by adding a fronted adverbial of time: 'Pip read her favourite book.' (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast: Why is it important to place a comma after a fronted adverbial? Provide an example to justify your answer. (2 marks)

4. Create your own sentence about Pip or Max that begins with a fronted adverbial of place. (2 marks)

5. What might happen to the flow of the story if we removed all the fronted adverbials from the passage? Justify your opinion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar working together to solve a maths puzzle in the forest. Include a speech bubble for Max using a fronted adverbial to describe how they are feeling.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a sequel to this story. Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing a new adventure for Max and Pip. You must use at least three different fronted adverbials: one for time, one for place, and one for manner. Underline them in your work.