

Max's Magnificent Maths Adventure

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

Read the story about Max the monkey below. Pay close attention to the opening phrases of each sentence. Answer the questions in full sentences using evidence from the text.

In the heart of the bustling jungle, Max the monkey sat on a sturdy branch. With a sharp pencil in his hand, he prepared to solve his latest maths puzzle. Carefully, he calculated the cost of twelve bunches of bananas, each priced at £1.50. Suddenly, a bright idea popped into his head. By using his quick brain, he realised the total would be £18.00. High above the canopy, the sun began to set, casting long, golden shadows across the forest floor. Happily, Max tucked his notebook away, feeling proud of his hard work. Back at his home, he dreamt of even more complex calculations to tackle the following day. Whether he was multiplying or dividing, Max always found a way to make numbers feel like a grand adventure. With a wide grin, he settled down for a good night's sleep, ready to dream of equations and geometry.

Word bank: fronted adverbial · comma · modify · adverb · prepositional phrase · sentence structure

1. Identify two fronted adverbials used in the first paragraph of the story. (2 marks)

2. How much would it cost to buy all twelve bunches of bananas if they cost £1.50 each? (2 marks)

3. What does the phrase 'High above the canopy' tell the reader about where Max is located? (2 marks)

4. Why might Max feel 'proud' at the end of his maths session? (2 marks)

5. Do you think fronted adverbials make this story more interesting to read? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting on a tree branch in the jungle, holding his notebook and pencil, with a bright, golden sunset in the background.



Extension challenge: Rewrite the final sentence of the passage using a new fronted adverbial of your choice to describe how Max feels.