

Year 5 Grammar Mastery Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate mastery of Year 5 grammatical terminology, including relative clauses, modal verbs, and cohesive devices.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your answers use correct British English spelling and punctuation. Max, our maths-loving monkey, suggests you check your work twice!

Max the monkey, who was always calculating the probability of finding the perfect banana, climbed the ancient oak tree. He carefully placed his compass in his satchel—a worn leather bag—before scanning the horizon for the next adventure. If he climbed higher, he might reach the canopy, but he must remain cautious.

Word bank: Relative clause · Modal verb · Parenthesis · Cohesive device · Adverbial

1. Identify the relative clause in the first sentence of the passage. Explain how you know it is a relative clause. (2 marks)

2. Find an example of parenthesis in the passage. What is the purpose of using dashes here? (2 marks)

3. Identify one modal verb in the passage. Explain how this verb changes the meaning of the sentence. (2 marks)

4. Rewrite the following sentence using a fronted adverbial to show time: 'Max ate his snack.' (2 marks)

5. Compare the use of a comma in a list versus a comma used to separate a clause. Provide an original example for each. (4 marks)

6. Explain why a writer might choose to use a semicolon instead of a full stop between two independent clauses. Justify your answer with an example. (4 marks)

7. Creative Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing Pip the caterpillar's journey across a garden. You must include: one relative clause, one modal verb, and one example of parenthesis. (5 marks)

8. What might happen to the clarity of a paragraph if cohesive devices were removed? Provide an example of a cohesive device and explain its function. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Pip the caterpillar is reading a book under a leaf. Include a speech bubble showing Pip using a relative clause to describe his favourite book.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Write a persuasive argument for why grammar is essential for clear communication, using at least two different types of subordinate clauses.