

Year 5 English Assessment: Mastering Sentence Structure

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of relative clauses, fronted adverbials, and the use of cohesive devices to link ideas within and across paragraphs.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use correct punctuation. Total marks available: 25.

Max the monkey sat in the ancient oak tree. He was holding a shiny compass. Usually, he would be solving a complex maths puzzle. Today, he was looking for the secret entrance to the library. The library, which was hidden behind a waterfall, contained books from every corner of the world. Max carefully checked his map. Without a moment's hesitation, he began to climb down.

Word bank: Relative clause · Fronted adverbial · Cohesive device · Relative pronoun · Subordinate clause

1. Identify one fronted adverbial from the passage and explain why a comma is used after it. (2 marks)

2. Find and copy the relative clause used in the passage. Underline the relative pronoun within that clause. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite the following two sentences as one sentence using a relative pronoun: 'Pip the caterpillar loves reading. Pip lives in a giant mushroom.' (2 marks)

4. Add a fronted adverbial of time to this sentence: 'Nova the owl watched the stars move across the night sky.' (2 marks)

5. Explain the difference between a main clause and a subordinate clause. Provide an example of each using characters from our group. (4 marks)

6. Read the following sentences: 'Ellie walked to the river. She felt very thirsty.' Combine these sentences using a conjunction or a relative pronoun to improve the flow of the writing. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing an adventure Finn the dolphin has in the ocean. You must include at least one fronted adverbial, one relative clause, and a variety of conjunctions to link your ideas. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Max the monkey is using his compass to find the hidden library, including a label for the waterfall mentioned in the text.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you add a second relative clause to your paragraph in the final question without making the sentence too long?