

Max the Monkey's Creative Writing Challenge

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases, adjectives, and conjunctions to improve descriptive writing.

Help Max the Monkey improve his story writing! Read each question carefully and choose the best answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Adjective, 4.B, 5.Because, 6.False, 7.Setting, 8.A, 9.True, 10.A. An expanded noun phrase adds extra detail to a noun, like 'the fluffy, brown monkey'.

Word bank: adjective · conjunction · expanded noun phrase · setting · character

1. Which of these is an example of an expanded noun phrase? A) The monkey. B) Max likes fruit. C) The friendly, bouncy monkey. * D) A tree. (1 mark)

2. True or False: An adjective is a word that describes a noun. (1 mark)

3. In the sentence 'The yellow sun shone brightly', what is the word 'yellow'? (1 mark)

4. Which word is a conjunction you could use to join two sentences? A) Happy. B) Because * C) Under. D) Fast. (1 mark)

5. Finish this sentence using a conjunction: 'Pip read a book _____ it was very exciting.' (1 mark)

6. True or False: You should use a capital letter at the start of every sentence. (1 mark)

7. What do we call the place where a story happens? (1 mark)

8. Which punctuation mark should end a sentence that asks a question? A) ? * B) . C) ! D) , (1 mark)

9. True or False: 'The hungry lion roared loudly' is a better sentence than 'The lion roared'. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which sentence uses an exclamation mark correctly? A) What a beautiful day! * B) What a beautiful day? C) What a beautiful day. D) What a beautiful day, (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the Owl sitting in a 'giant, ancient, oak tree' and label your drawing using at least two adjectives.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences about a day out with Ellie the Elephant. Try to use at least one expanded noun phrase and one conjunction in your writing!