

Grade 3 Grammar Mastery Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of fronted adverbials, conjunctions, pronouns, and the correct use of determiners and expanded noun phrases.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use accurate spelling and punctuation throughout. Check your work before finishing.

Max the monkey sat in the ancient, leafy oak tree. He carefully peeled a ripe, yellow banana. While he ate, he watched Pip the caterpillar crawl across a broad, green leaf. Suddenly, Pip stopped moving. Max wondered if the tiny creature was tired or simply admiring the view.

Word bank: conjunction · adverbial · determiner · pronoun · preposition · clause · adjective · noun

1. Identify one expanded noun phrase from the passage and explain how it adds detail to the sentence. (2 marks)

2. Find a fronted adverbial in the second sentence of the passage. Why has the author used a comma after this phrase? (2 marks)

3. In the sentence 'Max wondered if the tiny creature was tired or simply admiring the view', identify the conjunction and explain what its function is within the sentence. (2 marks)

4. Rewrite the following sentence by changing the pronoun to a proper noun and adding a fronted adverbial of time: 'He climbed higher into the canopy.' (2 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the function of a 'determiner' and an 'adjective'. Provide an example of each using the character Nova the owl. (4 marks)

6. Explain why it is important to use accurate punctuation when using fronted adverbials. What might happen to the meaning of a sentence if the comma is omitted? (4 marks)

7. Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing an adventure involving Finn the dolphin. You must include: one fronted adverbial of place, two expanded noun phrases, and one coordinating conjunction. (5 marks for accurate grammar usage and creative description). (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Max and Pip in the forest. Label your drawing using at least three expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'the glistening, silver stream').



Extension challenge: Justify your answer: If you were to remove all adjectives from the passage provided, how would the 'mood' or 'atmosphere' of the writing change? Write a brief analysis of the impact of descriptive language on the reader. Total: /25