

Max's Magnificent Math Store: A Grammar Adventure

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to add detail and description to narrative writing.

Help Max the monkey describe his store where every item is a puzzle! Use the writing frame below to build your story. Remember to use fronted adverbials to describe when or where things happen, and use expanded noun phrases to make your descriptions more vivid.

Max the monkey adjusted his spectacles and looked out over his store, which was filled with fascinating, number-shaped trinkets.

Word bank: cautiously · shimmering · in the corner · beneath the wooden counter · subsequently · mysterious · vibrant · tremendously · without warning · as a result

1. Setting the Scene: Using a fronted adverbial, describe the atmosphere inside the store. Where is Max and what can he see? Start with: [Fronted Adverbial], Max noticed... (2 marks)

2. The Magnificent Object: Describe one special item in the store using an expanded noun phrase (e.g., 'the glistening, silver abacus'). What does it look like? (2 marks)

3. The Problem: Explain why this item is a puzzle. Why is it difficult to solve? Justify why Max finds this particular object so intriguing. (3 marks)

4. The Action: What happens when someone tries to buy the object? Use a fronted adverbial to describe the movement. Start with: [Fronted Adverbial], the store suddenly... (2 marks)

5. The Solution: Compare and contrast how the item looked before and after Max solved the puzzle. Explain why the change was important. (3 marks)

6. The Conclusion: What might happen if Max sells all the puzzles in his store? Write a closing sentence that leaves the reader wondering about his next adventure. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a paragraph explaining the 'hidden' history of one of the items in Max's store. Use at least two fronted adverbials and three expanded noun phrases. How would the story change if the item was worth £50 instead of 50p? Justify your answer by describing how the customer's behavior might shift.