

Writing Sentences with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to make sentences more interesting.

Max the Monkey loves to solve maths puzzles, but he also loves to write stories! Use the prompts below to help you build exciting sentences. Read the opening passage first, then follow the steps to write your own paragraph.

Max the monkey swung through the thick, green trees of the jungle.

Word bank: Suddenly · Yesterday · In the bright forest · Carefully · because · and · so · which

1. Time/Place: Start your sentence with a time or place word. Where is your character? (e.g., 'In the tall tree...') (2 marks)

2. Action: What is your character doing? Use an 'ing' word to show action (e.g., '...Max was climbing the branch.') (2 marks)

3. Description: Add an adjective to describe one object or animal (e.g., 'He saw a shiny, gold coin.') (2 marks)

4. Connective: Use a word like 'because' or 'so' to explain why something happened. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a fronted adverbial to the start of your final sentence to show when or where it happened?