

Fronted Adverbial Adventures with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To use fronted adverbials to add detail and precision to descriptive sentences, demonstrating an understanding of how they modify the meaning of a main clause.

Max the monkey has been busy calculating the best way to tell a story, while Pip the caterpillar is looking for the perfect words to set the scene. A fronted adverbial is a word, phrase, or clause at the beginning of a sentence that describes how, when, or where an action takes place. Remember to place a comma after your fronted adverbial! Choose an adverbial from the word bank to complete the sentences below, or craft your own sophisticated openings to make the descriptions more vivid.

Word bank: Without a second thought, · High above the forest canopy, · With great determination, · Every single morning, · Deep within the ancient library, · Quite unexpectedly, · After counting the golden coins, · In the blink of an eye,

1. Complete this sentence: '_____ Max climbed the tallest tree to retrieve the lost map.' Explain why you chose that specific adverbial to describe Max's action. (2 marks)

2. Complete this sentence: '_____ Pip discovered a rare, dusty book hidden on the bottom shelf.' How does your chosen adverbial change the mood of the sentence? (2 marks)

3. Create your own sentence using a fronted adverbial that describes a time. Justify why the placement of the comma is grammatically necessary here. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How does the sentence 'Max jumped quickly' differ in tone and focus from 'With the agility of a panther, Max jumped'? Which is more effective for creative writing? (2 marks)

5. What might happen to the meaning of the sentence if you moved the fronted adverbial to the end of the sentence? Provide an example using the phrase 'Without a sound'. (2 marks)

6. Rewrite this sentence to include a fronted adverbial of place: 'The golden coins were scattered across the floor.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar exploring a mysterious, hidden room. Use your drawing to inspire a paragraph that includes at least two different fronted adverbials.



Extension challenge: Write a short, engaging paragraph (5-8 sentences) about a discovery in an enchanted forest. You must include at least three different types of fronted adverbials: one for time, one for place, and one for manner. Underline your adverbials and circle the commas that follow them.