

Max's Magnificent Sentence Structure Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and use relative clauses, fronted adverbials, and varied sentence structures to enhance writing.

Join Max the monkey as he swings through the jungle of grammar! Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer to help him complete his maths puzzles and stories.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Fronted adverbial, 5.B, 6.Relative clause, 7.A, 8.True, 9.Subordinate clause, 10.B.

Word bank: Relative clause · Fronted adverbial · Conjunction · Subordinate clause · Main clause · Parenthesis

1. 1. Which option uses a fronted adverbial correctly? A) Max climbed the tree quickly. B) The tree was tall, quickly climbing. C) With great agility, Max climbed the tree. D) Max, with great agility, climbed. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A relative clause adds extra information about a noun and usually starts with words like 'who', 'which', or 'whose'. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Every sentence must contain a subordinate clause to be grammatically complete. (1 mark)

4. 4. In the sentence 'During the stormy night, the owl hooted', what is the grammatical term for the phrase 'During the stormy night'? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which sentence uses a relative clause? A) Because it was raining, we stayed inside. B) The elephant, which was very kind, remembered the path. C) Max loves bananas. D) Quickly, the monkey jumped. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the technical term for the extra information added to a sentence using commas, brackets, or dashes, such as 'Max—the cleverest monkey—solved the puzzle'? (1 mark)

7. 7. Identify the main clause in this sentence: 'Although he was tired, Leo the lion roared loudly.' A) Leo the lion roared loudly B) Although he was tired C) Leo the lion D) Roared loudly (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: You can use a semi-colon to join two independent main clauses that are closely related in theme. (1 mark)

9. 9. In the sentence 'Pip read the book while the sun set', which part is the subordinate clause? (1 mark)

10. 10. Choose the best sentence to improve flow: A) The rain fell. The cat hid. B) As the rain fell, the cat hid. C) The rain fell and the cat hid. D) The cat hid, the rain fell. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting on a branch holding a sign that says 'Grammar is Fun!', surrounded by floating punctuation marks like commas, brackets, and full stops.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why using a fronted adverbial changes the emphasis of a sentence compared to placing the adverbial at the end. 2. Compare and contrast a subordinate clause and a relative clause; how do their functions differ? 3. Justify why a writer might choose to use parentheses instead of a relative clause in a fast-paced action story. 4. What might happen to the clarity of a paragraph if it only contained simple sentences? 5. Rewrite the following simple sentence into a complex sentence using a relative clause and a fronted adverbial: 'The dolphin swam in the sea.' 6. Create a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a jungle scene, ensuring you include at least one fronted adverbial, one relative clause, and one piece of parenthesis.