

Year 6 Assessment: Mastering Sentence Structure

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of complex sentences, relative clauses, active and passive voice, and formal tone.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your answers use correct British English spelling and punctuation. Write clearly in the spaces provided.

Max the monkey sat in the jungle canopy. He was busy calculating the number of mangoes in the tree. The sun, which shone brightly through the leaves, made the fruit glow. Suddenly, Max spotted a golden treasure map blowing in the wind. He quickly grabbed it before the breeze could whisk it away.

Word bank: Relative clause · Subordinate clause · Active voice · Passive voice · Fronted adverbial · Conjunction

1. Identify the relative clause in the second sentence of the passage. (1 mark)

2. The sentence 'He quickly grabbed it' is written in the active voice. Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice. (2 marks)

3. Look at the sentence: 'Max sat in the tree because he was hungry.' Identify the subordinate clause and explain why it is subordinate. (2 marks)

4. Write a sentence about Pip the caterpillar using a fronted adverbial to describe how she reads a book. (2 marks)

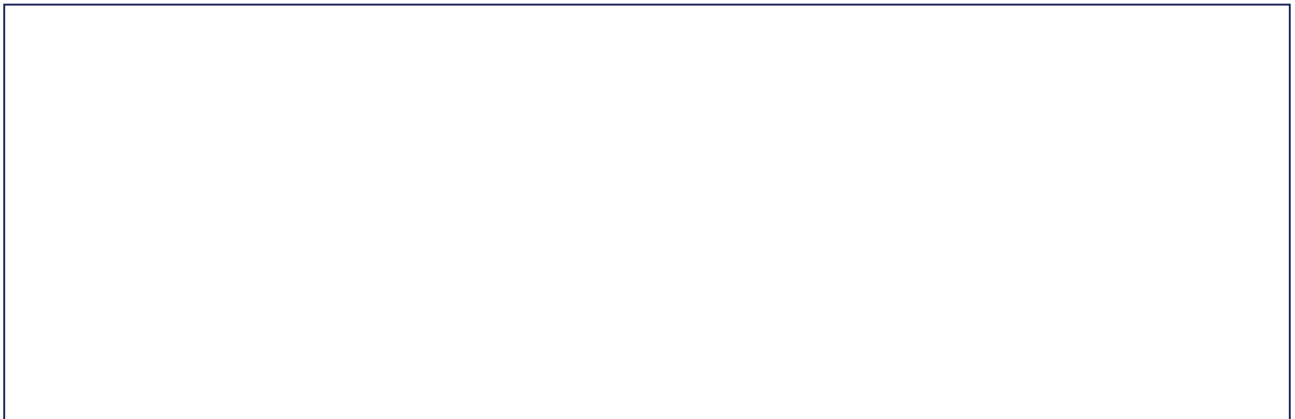
5. Combine the following two sentences into one complex sentence using a relative pronoun: 'Ellie the elephant has a great memory. She remembers every story she has ever heard.' (3 marks)

6. Explain the difference between a main clause and a subordinate clause. Give an example of each. (4 marks)

7. Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing an adventure led by Leo the lion. You must include one sentence with a relative clause, one sentence using a fronted adverbial, and one sentence written in the passive voice. (5 marks)

8. Max bought three books for £4.50 each and a notebook for £2.25. Write a formal sentence stating the total cost of his items. (6 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Max the monkey is sharing his findings with Leo the lion, ensuring the background shows the jungle setting described in the passage.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Rewrite your paragraph from the final writing task to change the tone from 'adventurous' to 'very formal' for a scientific report.