

Max's Sentence Structure Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and use different sentence structures, including simple, compound, and complex sentences, as well as fronted adverbials and relative clauses.

Max the monkey is busy organising his maths puzzles into sentences! Help him identify the correct structures. Read each question carefully and circle the best answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. A (Simple), 2. True, 3. False (It is a compound sentence), 4. Fronted adverbial, 5. C (Relative clause), 6. B (because), 7. True, 8. Complex, 9. False (It is a simple sentence), 10. True.

Word bank: Relative clause · Conjunction · Fronted adverbial · Subordinate · Simple · Compound · Complex

1. 'Max climbed the tall oak tree.' What type of sentence is this? A) Simple* B) Compound C) Complex D) Relative (1 mark)

2. True or False: A compound sentence joins two main clauses using a coordinating conjunction (like 'and', 'but', or 'or'). (1 mark)

3. True or False: 'The sun set, so the stars appeared' is a simple sentence. (1 mark)

4. In the sentence 'Quietly, the owl watched the moon,' what is the phrase 'Quietly' known as? (1 mark)

5. 'The book, which Pip loved, was old.' What is the underlined part 'which Pip loved' called? A) Main clause B) Adverbial C) Relative clause* D) Conjunction (1 mark)

6. Which word is a subordinating conjunction? A) And B) Because* C) Or D) But (1 mark)

7. True or False: A complex sentence contains one main clause and at least one subordinate clause. (1 mark)

8. Identify the sentence type: 'Although it was raining, Ellie went for a walk.' (Simple/Compound/Complex) (1 mark)

9. True or False: 'Max ate a banana' is a complex sentence. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: You should always use a comma after a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey hanging from a tree branch, holding a whiteboard that shows a diagram of a complex sentence structure.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a day in the life of Nova the owl. Your paragraph must include at least one simple sentence, one compound sentence, and one sentence starting with a fronted adverbial.