

Max the Monkey's Grammar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials, conjunctions, and expanded noun phrases correctly within a text.

Read the story about Max the Monkey and his jungle maths quest. Answer the questions below using your best handwriting and correct punctuation.

High above the jungle floor, Max the monkey swung through the emerald green trees. He was searching for a missing treasure map. Suddenly, he spotted a shiny, golden key hidden inside a hollow log. Max felt excited because he knew this was the first clue. With a playful leap, he snatched the key and landed safely on a soft patch of moss. Max carefully tucked the key into his pocket, ready for his next big challenge.

Word bank: fronted adverbial · conjunction · adjective · comma · noun phrase

1. Find and copy one fronted adverbial from the passage. Remember to include the comma. (1 mark)

2. In the sentence 'Max felt excited because he knew this was the first clue', identify the conjunction and explain what it does in the sentence. (2 marks)

3. Look at the phrase 'emerald green trees'. Write your own expanded noun phrase to describe a different jungle animal. (1 mark)

4. Rewrite the sentence 'Max carefully tucked the key into his pocket' starting with a different fronted adverbial of time. (2 marks)

5. Why has the author used a comma after 'Suddenly' in the second sentence? Explain the rule. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey in the jungle holding the golden key. Label your drawing using at least two expanded noun phrases.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph of three sentences about what Max finds next. You must include one fronted adverbial, one coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so), and one subordinating conjunction.