

Mastering Sentence Structure with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to add detail and interest to sentences.

Max the Monkey is trying to describe his jungle adventures. Help him improve his sentences by adding fronted adverbials to show when or where things happen, and using adjectives to describe his surroundings. Remember to use a comma after your fronted adverbial!

Max swung through the forest. He spotted a piece of fruit. He climbed the tall tree to reach his snack. It was a very good day for an explorer.

Word bank: Deep in the jungle · Without a sound · High above the trees · Carefully · Golden · Emerald · Enormous · Vibrant

1. Rewrite the first sentence of the passage by adding a fronted adverbial from the word bank to show where Max is. Don't forget your comma! (2 marks)

2. Expand the phrase 'a piece of fruit' by adding two adjectives to describe it. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite the sentence 'He climbed the tall tree' to include more detail about how he climbed. Use an adverb ending in -ly. (2 marks)

4. Why do we use a comma after a fronted adverbial? (1 mark)

5. Combine these two simple sentences into one complex sentence using the conjunction 'because': Max felt happy. He found a delicious snack. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey sitting in the 'emerald' canopy enjoying his snack. Label the tree and the fruit using the descriptive adjectives you chose.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a time you went on an adventure. You must include at least two fronted adverbials to describe when or where your adventure took place.