

Mastering Punctuation with Max and Kit

Learning objective: To identify and correctly apply Year 4 punctuation including possessive apostrophes, fronted adverbials, and direct speech.

Read each flashcard carefully. Try to guess the answer before checking the back. Use these to test your knowledge with a partner!

What is the purpose of an apostrophe for possession? It shows that something belongs to someone or something (e.g., Max's banana).	Where do you place a comma when using a fronted adverbial? After the fronted adverbial phrase, before the main clause (e.g., Slowly, the monkey climbed the tree).
What punctuation must you use to show direct speech? Inverted commas (also known as speech marks) around the spoken words.	If a word is plural and ends in 's', where does the apostrophe go to show possession? After the 's' (e.g., The dogs' toys).
True or False: Every sentence must start with a capital letter and end with a full stop, question mark, or exclamation mark. True.	Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'During the night, Kit solved the puzzle.' During the night.
Rewrite 'The bag belonging to Ellie' using a possessive apostrophe. Ellie's bag.	What is the name of the punctuation mark used to separate items in a list? A comma.
Where does the punctuation go in direct speech? Inside the inverted commas (e.g., 'Hello,' said Max).	Why do we use an exclamation mark? To show strong emotion, surprise, or to add emphasis to a sentence.
Correct the punctuation in this sentence: Max said i love maths. Max said, 'I love maths.'	What punctuation mark is used to link two closely related independent clauses? A semi-colon (or a conjunction).