

Mastering Punctuation with Max and Kit

Learning objective: To use direct speech punctuation accurately, including inverted commas, commas, and terminal punctuation, and to use apostrophes for possession and contraction.

Read each task carefully. Help Max the monkey and Kit the fox tidy up their sentences by adding the missing punctuation marks.

Max and Kit are working on their maths homework together in the forest library. They need your help to fix their punctuation.

Word bank: inverted commas · comma · full stop · question mark · exclamation mark · apostrophe

1. Max said, 'I have solved the puzzle.' Add the missing punctuation to this sentence if it were written as indirect speech, or explain where the inverted commas go in this direct speech sentence. (2 marks)

2. Kit shouted Look at this amazing pattern! Insert the correct punctuation marks to show that Kit is shouting and to separate the reporting clause if needed. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite this sentence using an apostrophe for possession: The tail belonging to the monkey is very long. (2 marks)

4. Rewrite this sentence using an apostrophe for contraction: Kit said that he does not know the answer to the sum. (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence of your own that includes a question, a comma, and a set of inverted commas for speech. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a calculator and Kit the fox holding a magnifying glass, standing next to a sign that says 'Punctuation Station'.



Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue between Max and Kit about the price of fruit at the market. Ensure you use £ symbols for the prices and include at least three different types of end-of-sentence punctuation (. ! ?).