

Max's Magnificent Market Maths

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes for possession and contraction in sentences.

Read the text carefully. Identify the apostrophes used for contraction (shortening two words) and possession (showing ownership). Answer the questions below using full sentences.

Max the monkey is a brilliant mathematician who loves visiting the local village market. Today, he is helping the stallholders with their accounts. 'It's a busy morning,' Max chirped, carefully balancing a basket of apples. He checked the baker's tray, ensuring every loaf of bread was accounted for. Max noticed the florist's colourful tulips were selling quickly, so he didn't waste any time calculating the total profit. 'Don't worry,' he told the grocer, 'I've got the sums ready!' Max's speed is legendary, and he loves solving problems for his friends. Whether he is calculating the price of a farmer's harvest or counting a child's coins, Max ensures everything is precise. He believes that maths isn't just about numbers; it's about helping the community thrive. By the time the sun began to set, Max had finished his work. He tucked his notebook into his satchel, ready for tomorrow's adventures. He couldn't wait to see what new puzzles the market would bring.

Word bank: possession · contraction · ownership · omission · apostrophe

1. Find two examples of possessive apostrophes from the text and explain who owns the items mentioned. (2 marks)

2. Identify two contractions in the text and write the two words they represent. (2 marks)

3. Why does Max enjoy helping the people at the market? (2 marks)

4. What might the village be like if Max did not visit the market to help with the accounts? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a helpful member of his community? Justify your answer using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene at the village market with Max the monkey sitting at a wooden table with a notebook and a calculator. Include items like a baker's tray or a florist's flowers, ensuring you label them with a possessive apostrophe (e.g., 'The baker's bread').



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a new stall at the market. You must include at least three apostrophes: one for possession, one for a contraction, and one of your choice. Explain why you chose to place the apostrophe in each position.