

Max the Maths-Monkey's Adventure Diary

Learning objective: To correctly use apostrophes for possession and contraction in a narrative context.

Max the monkey is planning a busy day of solving puzzles. Write a diary entry about his day. You must use at least three apostrophes for possession (e.g., Max's compass) and three apostrophes for contraction (e.g., he's, don't). Use the word bank to help you construct your sentences.

Word bank: Max's · monkey's · puzzle's · couldn't · it's · you're · I'm · friend's · wasn't

1. Introduction: Describe the morning in the jungle and include one contraction to show how Max is feeling. (2 marks)

2. The Maths Challenge: Explain what object Max is using (use a possessive apostrophe) and describe a calculation he is trying to solve. (3 marks)

3. The Obstacle: Describe a problem Max faces. Use a contraction to explain why he can't finish the puzzle yet. (3 marks)

4. The Solution: Explain how Max solves the problem. Use another possessive apostrophe to describe an object belonging to a friend. (3 marks)

5. Explain why it is important to place the apostrophe correctly when writing 'Max's puzzle'. What might happen to the meaning of the sentence if you wrote 'Maxs puzzle' instead? (4 marks)

6. Justify your choice of contractions: Why do we use contractions in diary writing rather than formal report writing? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Imagine Max finds a mysterious map belonging to the whole group of friends. Write a paragraph explaining the map's location using a plural possessive apostrophe (e.g., the friends' map). Then, compare and contrast the difference between a singular possessive apostrophe and a plural possessive apostrophe.