

Punctuation Perfection with Max and Kit

Learning objective: To consolidate understanding of Year 4 punctuation, including apostrophes for possession, direct speech, and commas in lists.

Help Max the monkey and Kit the fox tidy up their sentences! Read each question carefully and circle or write the correct punctuation mark.

Answer Key: 1. A (Possession), 2. False, 3. Inverted Commas, 4. B (Comma), 5. True, 6. Apostrophe, 7. Max said, 'I love maths!', 8. True, 9. B (Possession), 10. True.

Word bank: Apostrophe · Comma · Inverted Commas · Full Stop · Possession · Direct Speech

1. Max has a banana. Which apostrophe shows it belongs to Max? A) Max's banana* B) Maxs' banana C) Maxs banana (1 mark)

2. True or False: We use a full stop to show someone is speaking. (1 mark)

3. What is the proper name for the marks we use around spoken words? (e.g. 'Hello') (1 mark)

4. Kit bought apples, pears, and grapes. Which punctuation mark separates the items? A) Full stop B) Comma* C) Question mark (1 mark)

5. True or False: An apostrophe is used to show that something belongs to someone. (1 mark)

6. What punctuation mark is missing in this word: 'The dogs bowl' (The bowl belongs to the dog)? (1 mark)

7. Rewrite this sentence correctly: Max said I love maths (1 mark)

8. True or False: We use commas to separate items in a list. (1 mark)

9. Which sentence uses the apostrophe for possession correctly? A) The teacher's desk B) The teachers' desk (if there is only one teacher)* C) The teachers desk (1 mark)

10. True or False: Every sentence must end with a piece of punctuation like a full stop, question mark, or exclamation mark. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Kit the fox holding a giant punctuation sign—like a bright red comma or a floating apostrophe—while Max the monkey tries to count bananas in the background.



Extension challenge: Write a short story about Max and Kit going to the shop to buy ingredients for a cake. You must include at least one list with commas and one piece of direct speech using inverted commas.