

Max's Magnificent Market Maths

Learning objective: To understand and identify the use of apostrophes for possession and contraction.

Read the story carefully. Look closely at the words with apostrophes and decide if they are showing who owns something or if they are joining two words together.

Max the monkey was very excited to visit the village market. He brought his favourite basket to carry his fruit. 'It's going to be a busy day!' Max chirped, skipping towards the stalls. He saw Zara the zebra selling colourful paints. 'That's the artist's brush,' Max noted, pointing to a fine wooden tool resting on the table. He moved on to find a snack. He spotted a stall selling honey. 'Bea's honey is the best in the land,' Max thought. He checked his pockets. He didn't have enough coins for a large jar, so he bought a smaller one for £2.50. Max felt happy with his purchase. As he walked home, he saw Leo the lion writing a poem under an oak tree. 'Leo's poem is about the sun,' Max whispered to himself. He didn't want to disturb his friend, so he sat quietly on a nearby bench. He loved how the market brought everyone together. Max couldn't wait to come back next week with more coins to spend on his friends.

Word bank: Apostrophe · Possession · Contraction · Belonging · Joined

1. Find two examples of contractions in the text and write the two words they replace (e.g., it's = it is). (2 marks)

2. Whose honey does Max think is the best in the land? (1 mark)

3. Why does the author use an apostrophe in the word 'artist's'? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, how does Max feel about his friends? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max is a good friend? Use evidence from the text to justify your opinion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey at the market, holding his jar of honey. Include a sign on a stall that uses an apostrophe for possession.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own about a trip to a shop. Include one apostrophe for possession (e.g., the shopkeeper's hat) and one apostrophe for a contraction (e.g., I'm).