

Max's Magnificent Apostrophe Challenge

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

Max the monkey is busy solving maths puzzles, but he needs your help with his grammar! Read each question carefully and circle or write the correct answer. Remember: apostrophes show where a letter is missing or who something belongs to.

Answer Key: 1. A (can't), 2. False, 3. True, 4. Ellie's, 5. C (they'll), 6. True, 7. B (don't), 8. Zara's, 9. False, 10. A (it's).

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

1. 1. Which is the correct contraction for 'cannot'? A) can't*, B) cann'ot, C) canot', D) can-not. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: You use an apostrophe to show that a word is plural (more than one). (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: In the sentence 'Pip's book is colourful', the apostrophe shows possession. (1 mark)

4. 4. Write the possessive form: The trunk that belongs to Ellie is called Ellie__ trunk. (1 mark)

5. 5. Which contraction is used for 'they will'? A) they'll, B) they'Il, C) they'll*, D) they'll. (Wait, which one is correct? A) they'll*, B) theyll', C) they'll, D) they'll.) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: 'It's' is a contraction for 'it is'. (1 mark)

7. 7. Choose the correct contraction for 'do not': A) do'nt, B) don't*, C) dont', D) d'ont. (1 mark)

8. 8. Write the possessive form: The paints that belong to Zara are called Zara__ paints. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: 'I am' becomes 'Iam' when turned into a contraction. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which is the correct contraction for 'it is'? A) it's*, B) its', C) i'ts, D) its. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a giant banana. Label the drawing using an apostrophe to show possession, for example: 'Max's banana'.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own. One sentence must use a contraction (like 'we're'), one must show possession (like 'Leo's mane'), and one must be a question about Nova the owl's telescope.