

Mastering Punctuation with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To use fronted adverbials with commas, possessive apostrophes for singular and plural nouns, and inverted commas for direct speech accurately.

Help Kit the Fox organise his messy notes. Read each task carefully and apply the correct punctuation rules to ensure his clever solutions are clear to everyone.

Kit the Fox is tidying his den. He has found many items that belong to his friends. He needs to write down who owns what, what his friends said during their last adventure, and when they arrived at the forest clearing.

Word bank: Fronted adverbial · Apostrophe · Inverted commas · Possessive · Punctuation · Speech marks

1. Rewrite this sentence adding a comma after the fronted adverbial: 'Without making a sound Kit the Fox crept toward the hidden puzzle.' (2 marks)

2. Kit has found a shiny whistle belonging to the owl, Nova. Write a sentence using a singular possessive apostrophe to show that the whistle belongs to Nova. (2 marks)

3. Kit found a set of maps belonging to all the dolphins. Write a sentence using a plural possessive apostrophe to show the maps belong to the dolphins. (2 marks)

4. Punctuate this speech correctly: 'I have solved the sequence said Kit with a wide grin.' (3 marks)

5. Explain why we use an apostrophe in 'the monkey's banana' but not in 'the monkeys are playing'. Justify your answer using your knowledge of possessive nouns. (3 marks)

6. What might happen to the meaning of a sentence if a writer forgets to place the comma after a fronted adverbial? Provide an example to support your explanation. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene inside Kit the Fox's organised den, showing labels on his shelves that use possessive apostrophes (e.g., 'Pip's Book Collection' or 'Zara's Art Supplies').



Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue (4-6 lines) between Kit and Nova about a new discovery in the woods. You must include at least one fronted adverbial with a comma, one possessive apostrophe, and correctly punctuated direct speech.