

## Max's Maths-Shop Punctuation Puzzle

*Learning objective: To accurately use commas, apostrophes for possession, and brackets or dashes for parenthesis in Year 5 writing.*

Max the monkey is running a stationery shop, but his inventory list is missing important punctuation! Read each shop item description below. Your task is to rewrite the sentence by adding the missing punctuation marks: commas for lists, apostrophes for possession, and brackets or dashes to add extra information about the items.

*Word bank: commas · apostrophes · parenthesis · possession · list*

**1. 1. Max sells pens pencils and erasers in his shop. (Add the missing commas to the list.) (2 marks)**

**2. 2. This is the monkeys favourite red stapler. (Add an apostrophe to show that the stapler belongs to the monkey.) (2 marks)**

**3. 3. The blue notebook which has 100 pages is on sale for £2.50. (Add brackets or dashes to show the extra information about the notebook.) (2 marks)**

**4. 4. Kit the clever fox needs a ruler a compass and a protractor. (Add a comma to the list and use brackets or dashes to add info about Kit.) (2 marks)**

**5. 5. Explain why we need an apostrophe in the phrase 'the students desk'. (2 marks)**

**Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey behind a shop counter showing off his favourite stationery items, and label three of the items using a sentence that includes a comma.**



*Extension challenge: Write a short advert for Max's shop. You must include at least one set of brackets to add a funny detail, a list of three items with commas, and an apostrophe to show possession (e.g., 'Max's store').*