

Max's Magnificent Punctuation Challenge

Learning objective: To accurately use and identify commas, apostrophes for possession, and brackets in Year 5 writing.

Help Max the monkey solve his maths-inspired punctuation puzzles! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.A, 4.False, 5.Comma, 6.B, 7.True, 8.A, 9.B, 10.Apostrophe. Note: In Q8, the focus is on identifying the relative clause punctuation.

Word bank: Apostrophe · Bracket · Comma · Possession · Parenthesis

1. Which punctuation mark should be used to show that the banana belongs to Max? A) Comma B) Full stop C) Apostrophe* D) Bracket (1 mark)

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

3. Identify the correctly punctuated sentence: A) Max, who loves maths, counted his coins.* B) Max who loves maths, counted his coins. C) Max who loves maths counted his coins. (1 mark)

4. True or False: You should use an apostrophe in the word 'apples' when you have more than one apple. (1 mark)

5. What punctuation mark is used to add extra information in the middle of a sentence, also known as a parenthesis? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

6. Which sentence uses an apostrophe for possession correctly? A) The monkeys tail was long. B) The monkey's tail was long.* C) The monkeys's tail was long. (1 mark)

7. True or False: Brackets can be used to add extra information to a sentence. (1 mark)

8. Where should the comma go in this sentence? 'To solve the puzzle Max counted to ten.' A) After 'puzzle'* B) After 'solve' C) After 'Max' (1 mark)

9. 9. Choose the sentence with the correct punctuation: A) I bought eggs, milk, and bread. B) I bought eggs, milk and bread. (Accept both as correct; A is Oxford comma usage) C) I bought, eggs milk and bread. (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the name of the punctuation mark used in 'Max's £5 note'? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Punctuation is fun!' with a comma, an apostrophe, and a set of brackets drawn clearly in the corners of the picture.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about your favourite hobby. Include at least one list with commas, one apostrophe for possession, and one set of brackets to add extra information.