Max the Monkey's Apostrophe Adventure

Learning objective: To understand how to use apostrophes for omission (contractions) and possession.

Read each question carefully. Use an apostrophe (') to show where a letter is missing or to show who owns an object.

Max the monkey is very busy solving maths puzzles today. He is helping his friends organise their things in the classroom.

Word bank: Max's · Pip's · can't · don't · it's · Nova's · I'm

1. Max wants to say that the book belongs to Pip. Write the sentence using an apostrophe to show possession: The book belongs to Pip. (1 mark)

2. Max says, 'I cannot find my pencil.' Rewrite this using a contraction (omitting letters) instead of 'cannot'. (1 mark)

3. Nova the owl has a telescope. Write a sentence to show the telescope belongs to Nova using an apostrophe. (2 marks)

4. Change these pairs of words into contractions: 1) do not = _____, 2) it is = _____. (2 marks)

5. Max is writing in his notebook. He writes: 'The banana belongs to the monkey.' Rewrite this using an apostrophe to show possession. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Max's Maths Corner' and draw Nova the owl holding 'Nova's Telescope'.

Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own. One sentence must use an apostrophe for possession (e.g., The cat's toy) and one must use an apostrophe for a contraction (e.g., I'm happy).