

Max's Market Maths: Using Apostrophes for Possession

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes to show singular possession in sentences.

Read the story about Max the monkey at the local market. Look carefully at the bold words. They show who owns something. Answer the questions below using apostrophes correctly.

Max the monkey went to the local market to buy some snacks. He noticed the farmer's big red hat sitting on a crate. He walked past the stall's wooden counter to look at the fresh produce. Max spotted a shiny apple in the monkey's friend's bag. He noticed the basket's handle was made of strong brown rope. Everything at the market was delicious!

Word bank: monkey's · farmer's · stall's · basket's · fruit's

1. In the story, who owns the hat? Write the answer using an apostrophe. (2 marks)

2. Rewrite this phrase using an apostrophe: The tail belonging to the monkey. (2 marks)

3. Write a sentence of your own about something belonging to Leo the lion. Use an apostrophe for possession. (2 marks)

4. Why do we use an apostrophe in the word 'stall's'? (2 marks)

5. Fix this sentence: The apple belonging to Zara was sweet. (Rewrite using an apostrophe). (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a basket. Add a label to your drawing that uses an apostrophe to show that the basket belongs to Max (e.g., Max's basket).



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a day in the life of Pip the caterpillar. Include at least three examples of apostrophes used to show possession, such as 'Pip's favourite leaf' or 'the garden's flowers'.