

Max the Monkey's Apostrophe Adventure

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes for contraction and possession.

Read each question carefully. Remember that an apostrophe shows where letters have been missed out (contraction) or who something belongs to (possession).

Max the monkey loves solving puzzles. He uses his sharp brain to help his friends with their belongings and their sentences.

Word bank: can't · don't · it's · Max's · Pip's · Ellie's

1. Max has a banana. Write a sentence using an apostrophe to show the banana belongs to Max. (2 marks)

2. Rewrite these two words as a contraction using an apostrophe: 'do not'. (1 mark)

3. Pip the caterpillar is reading a book. If the book belongs to Pip, how would you write 'the book of Pip' using an apostrophe? (1 mark)

4. Change this sentence into a contraction: 'I cannot find my maths set.' (1 mark)

5. Explain why the apostrophe is used in the word 'it's' in the sentence: 'It's a beautiful day for a walk.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Max's Maths Maze' and Pip the caterpillar wearing a hat that belongs to Ellie.



Extension challenge: Write a short story using at least three contractions (e.g., I'm, we're, won't) and two possessive apostrophes (e.g., Zara's stripes, Leo's mane).