

Punctuation Power-Up with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and use a range of punctuation marks including full stops, capital letters, commas, question marks, exclamation marks, and apostrophes.

Read the front of each card to learn about the punctuation mark. Use these to help you remember how to use them correctly in your writing.

Full stop (.)

Used at the end of a statement to show that a sentence has finished.

Capital letter (A, B, C)

Used at the beginning of a sentence, for proper nouns like names, and for the word 'I'.

Question mark (?)

Used at the end of a sentence that asks something, such as 'Where is Max?'

Exclamation mark (!)

Used at the end of a sentence to show strong feeling, surprise, or a loud command.

Comma (,)

Used to separate items in a list or to add a short pause in a longer sentence.

Apostrophe for possession (')

Shows that something belongs to someone, for example: 'The monkey's banana'.

Apostrophe for contraction (')

Shows where letters have been missed out, for example: 'do not' becomes 'don't'.

Inverted commas ("")

Used to show the exact words spoken by a character in a story.

What punctuation mark is missing? 'How are you today'

A question mark (?) is missing.

Fix this sentence: 'max likes apples bananas and pears.'

Max likes apples, bananas and pears.

Which mark shows that the bag belongs to Pip? 'Pips bag'

An apostrophe: Pip's bag.

Why do we use an exclamation mark?

To show strong emotion, surprise, or excitement.