

Max's Magnificent Punctuation Adventure

Learning objective: To use and apply a range of punctuation, including inverted commas for direct speech, possessive apostrophes, and commas to clarify meaning.

Max the monkey is organising his jungle maths collection! Help him describe his favourite items by filling in the boxes below. Use your best grammar and remember to include punctuation for speech, possession, and lists to make your writing clear and exciting.

Word bank: possessive apostrophe · inverted commas · comma · speech marks · singular · plural · exclamation mark · question mark

1. The Monkey's Collection: Describe one item in Max's collection using a possessive apostrophe (e.g., The monkey's abacus). (2 marks)

2. Max's Important Message: Write a sentence where Max speaks to his friends using inverted commas. Remember to punctuate the speech correctly. (3 marks)

3. The List of Treasures: Max has found three items in his jungle bag. Write a sentence listing these items using commas to separate them. (2 marks)

4. Explain why it is important to use an apostrophe when showing that something belongs to a person or animal. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the use of an apostrophe in 'the monkey's toy' (singular) and 'the monkeys' toys' (plural). Why does the position of the mark change? (4 marks)

6. Justify your answer: What might happen to the meaning of a sentence if you accidentally leave out the commas in a list? Provide an example. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Creative Challenge: Write a short, two-sentence story about Max discovering a hidden cave. Sentence one must include an exclamation mark, and sentence two must include a possessive apostrophe for a group of friends (e.g., the animals' map).