

Max the Maths Monkey's Apostrophe Adventure

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

Help Max the monkey solve his grammar puzzles! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your answer in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. B, 3. True, 4. False, 5. It is, 6. Can't, 7. Zara's, 8. True, 9. B, 10. apostrophe

Word bank: apostrophe · contraction · possession · missing · belonging

1. 1. Max wants to shorten 'cannot'. Which is the correct contraction? A) canot' B) can't* C) cann't D) c'ant (1 mark)

2. 2. Which sentence shows that the banana belongs to the monkey? A) The monkeys banana. B) The monkey's banana.* C) The monkeys' banana. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: An apostrophe is used to show that a letter is missing in a contraction. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: You always use an apostrophe to make a word plural (like 'cat' to 'cats'). (1 mark)

5. 5. What two words make up the contraction 'It's'? (1 mark)

6. 6. Write the contraction for 'cannot' using an apostrophe. (1 mark)

7. 7. If a paintbrush belongs to Zara, how do you write it? (Zara + paintbrush) (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: 'I am' can be shortened to 'I'm'. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which is correct? A) Pip's book. B) Pips' book. (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the name of the punctuation mark used in these sentences: ' (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'I'm hungry!' and a banana that belongs to him labelled 'Max's banana'.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own. Use one contraction (like 'don't') and one possessive apostrophe (like 'Leo's mane').