

Max's Magnificent Punctuation Puzzle

Learning objective: To identify and use capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, and apostrophes correctly in Year 3 writing.

Help Max the Monkey tidy up his punctuation! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your answer in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. A (Full stop), 2. True, 3. False, 4. C (Apostrophe), 5. B (Question mark), 6. False, 7. Exclamation mark, 8. True, 9. Capital letter, 10. A (It's). Max's note: Remember to always check your work!

Word bank: Capital letter · Full stop · Question mark · Exclamation mark · Apostrophe · Possession · Sentence

1. 1. Which punctuation mark should end this sentence? 'Max likes to eat bananas' A) . * B) ? C) ! D) , (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Every sentence must start with a capital letter. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: You use an exclamation mark at the end of every sentence. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which mark shows that something belongs to someone? A) . B) ! C) ' * D) , (1 mark)

5. 5. Which mark belongs at the end of this sentence? 'Where is Pip the caterpillar?' A) . B) ? * C) ! D) , (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: You should use a full stop after a question. (1 mark)

7. 7. What do you call the mark used to show excitement or surprise? (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: 'Ellie's trunk' uses an apostrophe correctly to show possession. (1 mark)

9. 9. What must you always use for the names of people, like Zara or Finn? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which is the correct way to write 'It is'? A) It's * B) Its C) I'ts D) It.s (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey holding a giant pencil, trying to fix a sentence written on a large banana leaf.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences about your favourite animal. Make sure you use a capital letter at the start, a piece of punctuation at the end, and at least one apostrophe to show what the animal owns (e.g., The lion's mane).