

Max's Maths-Shop Punctuation Puzzle

Learning objective: To accurately use commas, apostrophes for possession, and brackets or dashes for parenthesis in Year 5 writing.

Max the monkey is running a stationery shop, but his inventory list is missing important punctuation! Read each shop item description below. Your task is to rewrite the sentence by adding the missing punctuation marks: commas for lists, apostrophes for possession, and brackets or dashes to add extra information about the items.

Word bank: commas · apostrophes · parenthesis · possession · list

1. 1. Max sells pens pencils and erasers in his shop. (Add the missing commas to the list.) (2 marks)

2. 2. This is the monkeys favourite red stapler. (Add an apostrophe to show that the stapler belongs to the monkey.) (2 marks)

3. 3. The blue notebook which has 100 pages is on sale for £2.50. (Add brackets or dashes to show the extra information about the notebook.) (2 marks)

4. 4. Kit the clever fox needs a ruler a compass and a protractor. (Add a comma to the list and use brackets or dashes to add info about Kit.) (2 marks)

5. 5. Explain why we need an apostrophe in the phrase 'the students desk'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey behind a shop counter showing off his favourite stationery items, and label three of the items using a sentence that includes a comma.



Extension challenge: Write a short advert for Max's shop. You must include at least one set of brackets to add a funny detail, a list of three items with commas, and an apostrophe to show possession (e.g., 'Max's store').