

Max's Apostrophe Adventure

Learning objective: To use apostrophes for possession and contraction in Grade 1 writing.

Max the monkey has been collecting items for his math puzzles, but he has mixed up his sentences! Look at the sentences below. Some need an apostrophe to show who owns the item (possession), and some need an apostrophe to shorten two words into one (contraction). Rewrite the sentences adding the missing apostrophe in the correct place.

Word bank: don't · can't · Max's · Pip's · it's · Kit's

1. 1. The banana belongs to Max. Write this using an apostrophe: The banana is _____ banana. (2 marks)

2. 2. Pip has a collection of books. Write this using an apostrophe: These are _____ books. (2 marks)

3. 3. Change 'do not' into a contraction to finish the sentence: Max said, 'I _____ want to lose my puzzle pieces.' (2 marks)

4. 4. Change 'it is' into a contraction: Max looked at his abacus and said, '_____ time for math!' (2 marks)

5. 5. Kit has a clever laptop. Write this using an apostrophe: That is _____ laptop. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a sign that shows a contraction, such as 'I'm' or 'he's', and draw his friend Pip holding an item that belongs to him, like 'Pip's apple'.

Extension challenge: Can you write two sentences of your own? Use one apostrophe for possession (e.g., The cat's toy) and one apostrophe for a contraction (e.g., I'll be there soon).