

Grade 1 ELA Assessment: Using Apostrophes

Learning objective: To demonstrate the ability to use apostrophes for contraction and possession.

Read each question carefully. Remember to use your neatest handwriting and check your spellings.

Max the monkey was busy in the garden. He found a shiny red apple near the tree. 'It is a lovely day,' said Max. 'I do not want to go home yet.' He spotted Pip the caterpillar resting on a leaf. 'That is Pip's leaf,' thought Max. He carefully walked around the leaf so he would not disturb his friend.

Word bank: can't · don't · I'm · it's · Pip's · Max's · Zara's · lion's

1. Find two words in the passage that are contractions (e.g., 'can't') and write them down. (2 marks)

2. Rewrite the phrase 'I do not want' using a contraction. (1 mark)

3. Rewrite the phrase 'That is Pip's leaf' using the word 'belonging' to explain what the apostrophe shows. (2 marks)

4. Add the missing apostrophe to these sentences: 1. The monkeys tail was long. 2. It is time to go. (2 marks)

5. Write three sentences describing a toy that belongs to Leo the lion. You must use an apostrophe for possession in each sentence (e.g., Leo's ball is blue). (6 marks)

6. Explain why we use an apostrophe in the word 'don't'. Why is the apostrophe there? (3 marks)

7. Creative Writing Task: Write a short story (4–5 sentences) about Max and Pip finding a treasure chest. You must include at least two examples of contractions and two examples of apostrophes for possession. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Max's Adventure'. Make sure you include the apostrophe correctly!



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Can you write a sentence using an apostrophe for possession that is longer than ten words?