

Max the Monkey's Apostrophe Adventure

Learning objective: To use apostrophes for omission and possession in sentences.

Read the story about Max the Monkey. Look closely at the words with apostrophes. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions below.

Max is a clever monkey who loves solving puzzles. Today, Max is in the jungle with his friends. Max's favorite snack is a crunchy banana. He sees Ellie the elephant holding a colorful book. 'It's a great day for reading,' says Ellie. 'I can't wait to finish this chapter!' Pip the caterpillar is nearby. He is busy munching on a leaf. 'Don't worry,' Pip says to Max, 'I will share my lunch.' They all sit together under the shade of Ellie's big ears to read stories.

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

1. Find two examples of apostrophes used for possession in the passage. Write them below. (2 marks)

2. Find two examples of apostrophes used for omission (shortened words) in the passage. Write them below. (2 marks)

3. Change 'do not' into a word with an apostrophe and write it here. (1 mark)

4. If the banana belonged to Pip, how would you write 'the banana of Pip' using an apostrophe? (1 mark)

5. Write a sentence of your own using an apostrophe to show that something belongs to a friend. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey and Ellie the Elephant having a picnic. Make sure to label one item using an apostrophe, for example: 'Max's banana'.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about what you and your friend might do at the weekend. Try to use at least one apostrophe for possession and one apostrophe for omission.