Max the Monkey's Apostrophe Adventure

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes for contraction and possession.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you with your punctuation. Grouped by their job, these words will help you master apostrophes! Remember, Max the Monkey says, 'Check your work twice!'

Apostrophe A small punctuation mark (') us…	**Contraction** Two words squashed together t…	**Possession** When you use an apostrophe to…
Omission When letters are left out of a word…	**Singular Possess…** Adding 's to a single o…	**Plural Possession** When the word ends in 's…
I'm A contraction of 'I am'.	**Don't** A contraction of 'do not'.	**It's** A contraction of 'it is'.
Can't A contraction of 'cannot'.	**Shouldn't** A contraction of 'should not'.	**Monkey's** Showing that something belongs t…
Friend's Showing that something belongs to…	**Students'** Showing that something belongs t…	**Children's** Showing that something belongs …
Ownership Having or possessing something.	**Singular** Referring to only one person, anima…	**Plural** Referring to more than one person, an…
Explain the differ…	**If a single fox has…**	**Write the contract…**
Why do we use a…	**If there are many …** The plural is birds).	