

Mastering Apostrophes with Max and Kit

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

Help Max the monkey and Kit the fox complete their grammar puzzles. Remember: use an apostrophe for possession (showing who owns something) and for contraction (where letters are missing).

Max the monkey and Kit the fox are busy in the classroom. Max loves solving math puzzles, and Kit enjoys writing computer code. Sometimes they make mistakes, but they are learning quickly!

Word bank: Max's · Kit's · don't · couldn't · monkey's · fox's · isn't · shouldn't

1. Rewrite the following sentences by replacing the underlined words with a contraction: 1. I do not know the answer. 2. He is not at school today. 3. We could not finish the puzzle. (3 marks)

2. Rewrite these phrases using an apostrophe for possession: 1. The tail belonging to the monkey. 2. The book belonging to Kit. 3. The den belonging to the fox. (3 marks)

3. Explain why the word 'its' (as in 'the tree dropped its leaves') does not need an apostrophe, whereas 'it's' (as in 'it is time') does. Justify your answer using the rules for possession and contraction. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the meaning of these two sentences: 'The pupils' work was excellent' and 'The pupil's work was excellent.' Why does the position of the apostrophe change the meaning? (4 marks)

5. What might happen if a writer consistently forgot to use apostrophes in their work? How would this affect the reader's understanding of the text? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey wearing a scientist's coat and Kit the fox holding a computer tablet. Include a speech bubble for each character using at least one contraction or possessive apostrophe.



Extension challenge: Write a short, imaginative story (three to five sentences) about Max and Kit finding a hidden treasure map. You must include at least two examples of possessive apostrophes and two examples of contractions. Underline your apostrophes.