

Max the Monkey's Grammar Adventure: Master of Apostrophes

Learning objective: To identify and use apostrophes for possession and contraction accurately in Grade 4 writing.

Help Max the Monkey organize his collection of items and solve his word puzzles! Use apostrophes for possession (e.g., the monkey's banana) to show who owns what, and use apostrophes for contraction (e.g., do not = don't) to shorten your sentences. Remember, if the owner is plural and ends in 's', the apostrophe goes after the 's'.

Word bank: can't · Max's · monkeys' · they're · shouldn't · adventure's · isn't · everyone's

1. Max is showing off his favorite objects. Describe three things that belong to Max or his friends using the possessive apostrophe (e.g., The banana belongs to Max: It is Max's banana). (3 marks)

2. Max has many friends who are also monkeys. Write a sentence about something that belongs to all of them together using the plural possessive (e.g., The treehouse belongs to the monkeys: It is the monkeys' treehouse). (2 marks)

3. Sometimes Max is in a hurry and uses contractions. Take these phrases and rewrite them using an apostrophe: 'do not', 'I am', 'we have', 'cannot'. (4 marks)

4. Write a short, exciting sentence about an adventure that Max is going on. Include at least one contraction and one possessive apostrophe. (3 marks)

5. Explain in your own words why we use an apostrophe in the word 'don't' compared to the word 'Max's'. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining what Max is doing today. Use at least three examples of contraction apostrophes and two examples of possessive apostrophes.