

Year 6 Assessment: Mastering Apostrophes

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

Read each question carefully. Ensure your apostrophes are placed clearly above the line. Check your work for spelling and punctuation before finishing.

Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar were busy in the library. Max was calculating the cost of new books, noting that the library's budget was £45.50. Pip was reading a story about a lion's den. 'It's a shame we can't finish the book today,' said Pip. Suddenly, they heard the sounds of the children's laughter coming from the garden. They knew the teachers' meeting had finished early.

Word bank: contraction · possession · singular · plural · omission

1. Identify one example of a contraction from the passage and explain which two words it replaces. (2 marks)

2. Why does the word 'lion's' in the passage have an apostrophe? Explain the grammatical rule being used. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite the following sentences by adding the missing apostrophes: 1. The monkeys fruit was delicious. 2. The birds wings were colourful. 3. I am going to the shop. (3 marks)

4. Explain the difference between 'the teachers' meeting' (as used in the passage) and 'the teacher's meeting'. Why is the apostrophe in a different position? (4 marks)

5. Identify the error in this sentence and correct it: 'The cat chased it's toy across the rooms floor.' Explain why your correction is right. (4 marks)

6. Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing an adventure Nova the owl has in the woods. You must include: one contraction, one possessive apostrophe for a singular noun, and one possessive apostrophe for a plural noun. (5 marks)

7. Change the following formal phrases into informal ones using contractions: 'It is not', 'We are', 'I have'. (3 marks)

8. Is the apostrophe in '£45.50' (as seen in the passage) used for possession? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Pip the caterpillar is looking at a sign that has a misplaced apostrophe. Show Pip looking confused, and draw a correct version of the sign nearby.



Extension challenge: Total: /25