

Max's Magnificent Apostrophe Challenge

Learning objective: To accurately use apostrophes for possession and omission in Year 6 writing.

Max the monkey is busy sorting his maths puzzles, but he has mixed up his apostrophes! Read the questions carefully and choose or write the correct answer. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. A, 3. True, 4. B, 5. It's, 6. False, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Children's, 10. D. Note: Remember that apostrophes for omission replace missing letters, and apostrophes for possession show ownership.

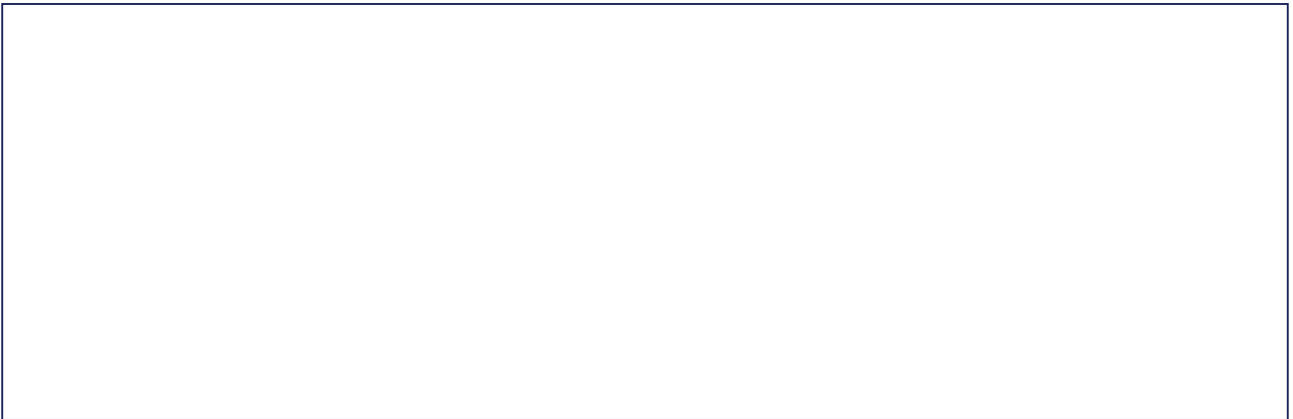
Word bank: Possession · Omission · Singular · Plural · Contraction

- 1. Which sentence uses an apostrophe for omission correctly? A) Do'nt touch that. B) Don't touch that. C) Dont' touch that. D) Do nt' touch that. (1 mark)**
- 2. Choose the correct possessive form for a single monkey: A) The monkey's banana. B) The monkeys' banana. C) The monke'ys banana. D) The monkeys banana's. (1 mark)**
- 3. True or False: You use an apostrophe for possession when a word is just a plural ending in 's' (e.g. dogs). (1 mark)**
- 4. Which of these shows plural possession? A) The fox's den. B) The foxes' den. C) The foxs' den. D) The fox'es den. (1 mark)**
- 5. Complete the sentence using the correct contraction of 'it is': '_____ a sunny day for a picnic!' (1 mark)**
- 6. True or False: 'The cat jumped over the fence.' The word 'fence' needs an apostrophe here. (1 mark)**
- 7. Where should the apostrophe go in: 'The children books are on the shelf'? A) The childre'ns books. B) The childrens' books. C) The children's books. D) The children book's. (1 mark)**
- 8. True or False: In the sentence 'I would not go there', the contraction is 'wouldn't'. (1 mark)**

9. 9. Write the possessive form of the word 'scientists' (plural): The _____ research. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which is correct? A) I am going to buy a new pencil case for £5. B) I am going to buy a new pencil case for £5's. C) I am going to buy a new pencil case for £'5. D) Both A and C are incorrect. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Apostrophes are fun!' and make sure he is pointing to a floating apostrophe near his head.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about an adventure with Pip the caterpillar. Include at least two examples of apostrophes for possession and two examples of apostrophes for omission.