

Mastering Apostrophes with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes for both singular/plural possession and for marking omission in contracted words.

Read each task carefully. Max the monkey needs help with his maths-related puzzles, and Zara the zebra needs help labelling her patterns. Use apostrophes correctly to show ownership and omission.

Max and Zara are preparing for the BookFlik Art Gallery. Max is sorting the equipment, and Zara is labelling the art pieces. They need to ensure all their punctuation is accurate before the grand opening.

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

1. Max has a bag of tools. Write a sentence using a possessive apostrophe to show that the tools belong to Max. (2 marks)

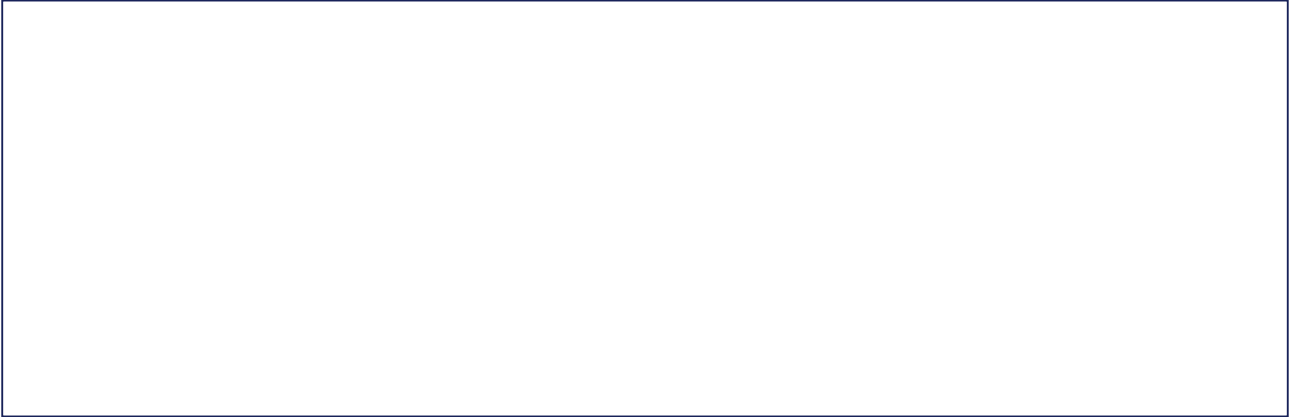
2. Zara is writing labels for her paintings. Rewrite the following phrases using a contraction (omission): 'It is a beautiful day' and 'Do not touch the paint'. (2 marks)

3. The gallery has a special area for the artists. If the area belongs to all the artists (plural), where should the apostrophe go? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

4. Change the following singular possessive phrase into a plural possessive phrase: 'The child's painting'. (1 mark)

5. Identify the error in this sentence and correct it: 'The zebra's stripes were bright, but the monkey's couldnt find their brushes.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Max's Art Gallery' and Zara the zebra painting a pattern on a large canvas.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a busy day at the gallery. You must include at least two examples of possessive apostrophes and two examples of contracted words.