

Apostrophe Adventures with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes for possession and contraction in Year 4 English.

Read the story about Max the Monkey below. Some apostrophes are missing! Find the words that need an apostrophe to show possession (who owns something) or contraction (two words joined together). Rewrite the sentences correctly.

Max the monkey is busy in the jungle. Maxs banana is yellow and ripe. He sees his friends treehouse nearby. It is a sunny day, so he thinks, It is time to play! Max calls out, We are going to have fun today. But he notices a sign that says, Do not enter. Max says, I cannot wait to see what is inside, but I must follow the rules.

Word bank: Max's · monkey's · don't · can't · it's · friend's · we're

1. Find 'Maxs' in the passage. Why does it need an apostrophe and where should it go? (2 marks)

2. Locate the phrase 'friends treehouse'. Rewrite it using an apostrophe to show that the treehouse belongs to the friend. (2 marks)

3. Find 'It is' in the passage. Rewrite this as a contraction using an apostrophe. (1 mark)

4. Change 'We are' and 'I cannot' into contractions using apostrophes. (2 marks)

5. Why do we use apostrophes for possession? Explain using an example involving Max. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey hanging from a tree branch. Label his favourite snack using a possessive apostrophe (e.g., Max's banana).



Extension challenge: Write three sentences about your own favourite hobby. In your sentences, include one contraction (like 'don't') and one example of possession (like 'my friend's ball').