

# Apostrophe Adventures with Pip and Max

*Learning objective: To correctly use apostrophes for possession and omission in Year 4 English.*

Read the story below carefully. Look for words that need apostrophes to show ownership or missing letters. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Pip the caterpillar was busy organising his library. Max the monkey arrived with a basket of maths puzzles. 'Is this the monkeys basket?' asked Pip. Max shook his head. 'No, its not mine,' Max replied. 'I couldnt find mine, so I borrowed the squirrels basket instead.' Inside the basket, there were many items. Max pointed to the teachers red pen, the pupils neat handwriting book, and a map of the worlds oceans. 'Dont worry,' said Pip. 'Well finish this work soon!'

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

**1. Find three examples of apostrophes for omission (contractions) in the passage and write the two words they replace (e.g., can't = cannot). (3 marks)**

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**2. In the sentence 'Is this the monkeys basket?', the apostrophe is missing. Where should it go to show the basket belongs to one monkey, and why? (2 marks)**

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**3. The passage mentions 'the squirrels basket'. Explain what the apostrophe shows us about the squirrel. (2 marks)**

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**4. Rewrite this sentence adding the correct apostrophe for possession: The lions mane was very golden and soft. (1 mark)**

**5. Explain the difference between 'its' (as in 'it is') and 'its' (as a possessive pronoun). Why does the passage use 'its' incorrectly? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Pip and Max working in their library. Label three objects they own using apostrophes for possession, such as 'Pip's glasses' or 'Max's notebook'.



*Extension challenge: Write two sentences about a new adventure for Finn the dolphin. In one sentence, include a contraction (apostrophe for omission). In the second sentence, include a possessive noun (apostrophe for possession).*