

Max the Monkey's Apostrophe Adventure

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes for contraction and possession.

Read the short story about Max and his friends. Then, answer the questions below to help Max solve his grammar puzzles.

Max the monkey was busy in the jungle. He picked up Pip the caterpillar's favourite book. 'I cannot believe how many words are in here!' Max exclaimed. He noticed the author's name on the cover. Suddenly, Bea the bee flew over. 'Don't worry, Max,' she buzzed. 'It's a very easy story to read.' Max smiled as he saw Finn the dolphin's map tucked inside. The animals' meeting place was under the great oak tree, so they went there to share their stories.

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

1. Find two examples of contractions in the passage and write them out in full (e.g., 'don't' becomes 'do not'). (2 marks)

2. Look at the phrase 'Pip the caterpillar's favourite book'. Why is there an apostrophe in 'caterpillar's'? (2 marks)

3. Rewrite this sentence using a contraction: 'I will go to the jungle with Max.' (1 mark)

4. Explain why the apostrophe is placed after the 's' in the word 'animals' (the animals' meeting place). (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence of your own using an apostrophe for possession to describe something belonging to Nova the owl. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Max's Maths Puzzle' with a clear apostrophe in the correct place.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a day in the life of Kit the fox. You must include at least two contractions and two examples of possession (e.g., Kit's tail, the forest's trees).