

# Max's Apostrophe Adventure!

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

Read the guide below and help Max the monkey sort out his messy sentences. Remember: Apostrophes show that something belongs to someone, or that letters have been left out!

Max loves his treehouse. Today, he is busy tidying. He found Pip's favourite bookmark and Nova's telescope. Max said, 'I've finished cleaning, but I haven't found my missing banana!' He was sure it was in the elephant's basket. Ellie the elephant laughed, 'You're looking in the wrong place, Max!'

*Word bank: Contraction · Possession · Apostrophe · Belonging · Omission*

**1. Find two examples of possession in the passage and explain who owns the items. (2 marks)**

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**2. Identify two contractions from the passage and write the two words they replace (e.g., can't = cannot). (2 marks)**

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**3. Rewrite this sentence adding the missing apostrophe: The lions roar echoed across the plains. (1 mark)**

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**4. Why does the word 'It's' use an apostrophe, but 'Its' does not? Explain the difference. (2 marks)**

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**5. Change this phrase into a contraction: 'Zara is not at home.' (1 mark)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max's messy treehouse. Label three items using apostrophes for possession, for example: 'Max's banana' or 'Pip's book'.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a day in the life of a school mascot. Include at least two possessive apostrophes (e.g., the school's bell) and two contractions (e.g., don't, it's).*