

Max the Monkey's Market Adventure: Mastering Apostrophes

Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes for singular and plural possession correctly.

Read the story about Max the Monkey at the market. Look for the apostrophes used to show who owns each item. Then, complete the questions below to show off your grammar skills!

Max the monkey visited the local market on a sunny Saturday. He was excited to see what his friends were buying. First, he saw Pip the caterpillar looking at a pile of books. It was Pip's favourite stall. Next, he walked past Zara's stall, which was filled with colourful paints and brushes. Max noticed a small basket belonging to Bea the bee. It was the bee's basket, filled with golden honey. Finally, Max spotted a large net that belonged to all the dolphins in the bay. It was the dolphins' net, used for keeping the water clean. Max thought, 'Grammar is just like a puzzle!'

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

1. Why is there an apostrophe in the word 'Pip's' in the first paragraph? Explain who owns the stall. (2 marks)

2. Look at the phrase 'the bee's basket'. Is the bee singular or plural? How do you know? (2 marks)

3. In the text, the author writes 'the dolphins' net'. Why does the apostrophe go after the 's' instead of before it? (2 marks)

4. Rewrite this sentence using an apostrophe for possession: 'The hat that belongs to Leo the lion'. (1 mark)

5. Change this sentence to show that more than one owl owns the telescope: 'The owl's telescope'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Max's Market' and show him carrying an item belonging to one of his friends, like 'Nova's stargazing map'.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own. One must use a singular possessive apostrophe (e.g., the dog's bone), one must use a plural possessive apostrophe (e.g., the birds' nest), and one must use a contraction (e.g., don't).