

Max's Market Maths: The Apostrophe Adventure

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

Read the story below about Max the monkey at the local market. Identify the apostrophes used for contraction (shortening two words) and possession (showing who owns something). Complete the questions to show your understanding.

Max the monkey is visiting the local market. 'It's a sunny day!' Max chirps as he buys a bunch of bananas. He spots a stall belonging to a farmer. The farmer's apples are bright red. Max says, 'I've got enough money for a treat.' He looks at the baker's shop. 'Don't forget the bread,' he reminds himself. He spots a sign that says: 'Children's fruit is half price!' Max is happy because he's going to have a delicious picnic.

Word bank: contraction · possession · ownership · singular · plural · omitted

1. Find two examples of contractions in the passage. Write them down and explain which two words they replace. (2 marks)

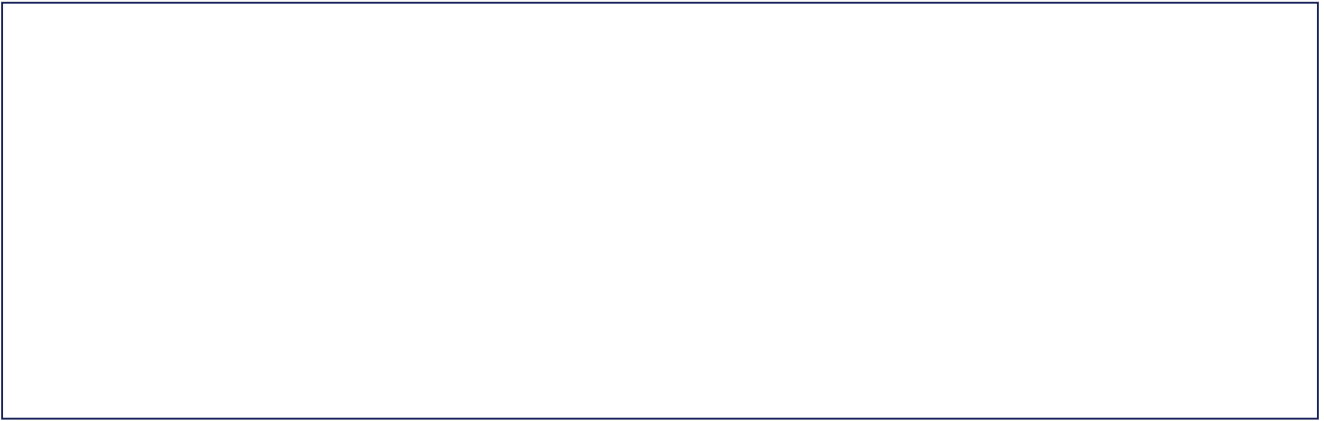
2. Find two examples of possessive apostrophes in the passage. Who owns the items mentioned? (2 marks)

3. Why does the word 'Children's' need an apostrophe before the 's'? (1 mark)

4. Change this sentence to use a contraction: 'I do not have any more coins.' (1 mark)

5. Write a sentence using a possessive apostrophe about something Nova the owl owns. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a market stall scene and label three items using possessive apostrophes (e.g., 'The baker's bread').



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a shopping trip with Pip the caterpillar. Use at least two contractions and two possessive apostrophes in your writing.