

# Max's Maths Shop: Mastering Apostrophes

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

Read the story below about Max the monkey. Then, complete the exercises to show you understand how to use apostrophes for ownership and shortened words.

Max the monkey is opening a shop to sell his favourite maths puzzles. He is very excited! 'I can't wait to see my friends,' Max says as he arranges his stall. He has placed the monkey's best puzzles on the top shelf. Sometimes, customers don't know the answer to a tricky sum. Max smiles and says, 'It's quite easy if you look for the pattern!' The other animals love visiting the shop because they're always guaranteed a fun challenge.

*Word bank: Max's · can't · don't · monkey's · it's · they're*

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

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**2. In the phrase 'the monkey's best puzzles', why is the apostrophe used? Is it for possession or contraction? (2 marks)**

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**3. Rewrite this sentence using an apostrophe for possession: 'The tail belonging to the monkey is long.' (1 mark)**

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**4. Change 'do not' into a contraction and write it in a new sentence about Max. (2 marks)**

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**5. Explain the difference between 'its' (belonging to it) and 'it's' (it is). (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw Max the monkey standing in his shop. Label his stall with a sign that uses an apostrophe to show it belongs to him (e.g., Max's Maths Stall).



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a day in the life of Kit the fox. You must include at least two apostrophes for possession and two apostrophes for contractions. Underline them in different colours.*