

# Punctuation Detectives with Kit the Fox

*Learning objective: To accurately use inverted commas, apostrophes for possession, and fronted adverbials in a short narrative.*

Read the story about Kit the Fox below. Then, use your knowledge of punctuation to complete the questions that follow. Make sure to check your spellings and ensure your sentences are punctuated correctly.

Kit the fox was busy in the forest. He adjusted his glasses and looked at his friend's map. 'We need to find the treasure before sunset,' Kit whispered. Suddenly, he spotted a golden key near the old oak tree. It was the eagle's secret stash! Kit shouted, 'I have found it at last!' He felt very proud of his clever discovery.

*Word bank: inverted commas · possession · fronted adverbial · comma · speech*

**1. Identify the fronted adverbial used in the second paragraph. Why is a comma needed after it? (2 marks)**

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**2. Find the two examples of apostrophes for possession in the passage. Explain who owns the items in each case. (2 marks)**

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**3. Write a sentence of your own that includes a fronted adverbial and a comma, describing how Kit feels about finding the key. (2 marks)**

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**4. Copy the speech from the passage into your book, ensuring you include the correct inverted commas and a piece of reporting clause (e.g., 'said Kit'). (2 marks)**

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**5. Why do we use inverted commas? Explain the rule for where they are placed in relation to the spoken words. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Kit the Fox holding the golden key near the old oak tree, and label the key with a speech bubble showing what Kit says next.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph of three sentences about what happened next. You must include one apostrophe for possession, one fronted adverbial with a comma, and a line of dialogue punctuated with inverted commas.*