

# Punctuation Perfection with Pip

*Learning objective: To accurately use commas, apostrophes for possession, and inverted commas for direct speech.*

Help Pip the bookworm fix his messy sentences! Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below to show your punctuation skills.

Pip the caterpillar crawled across the leaf. He saw Max the monkey holding a bright red apple. Max shouted, Where did you find this juicy snack? Pip replied, I found it near the old oak tree's roots. It was a long walk, but it was worth it. Max smiled and said, Let's share it!

*Word bank: Apostrophe · Inverted commas · Possessive · Comma · Direct speech*

**1. Identify the possessive apostrophe in the passage. Explain why it is used there. (2 marks)**

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**2. The passage is missing punctuation for speech. Rewrite the sentence where Max shouts, including the missing inverted commas. (2 marks)**

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**3. Find a sentence in the passage that uses a comma. Why is the comma used in that specific sentence? (2 marks)**

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**4. Add the missing inverted commas to Pip's reply: I found it near the old oak tree's roots. (2 marks)**

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**5. Write your own sentence about Pip eating a snack that includes an apostrophe for possession and a comma. (2 marks)**

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**Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar and Max the monkey sharing the apple under the old oak tree.**



*Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue between Pip and Max discussing the price of fruit at the market. Use at least two items costing £1.50 and £2.25, ensuring you use correct punctuation for the money and the speech.*