

# Apostrophes

*Learning objective: To understand and use apostrophes correctly in sentences.*

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Pip, the caterpillar, loves to read books. He has a big collection of stories and poems. One day, he was reading a book about a farmer who had a flock of sheep. The farmer said, 'My sheep are very smart.' Pip thought, 'What would happen if I said the sentence like this: 'My's sheep are very smart.'? That doesn't seem right. After a bit of thinking, he realized that the apostrophe goes before the 's' to show that the sheep belong to the farmer. Pip wrote down the correct sentence in his notebook: 'My sheep's are very smart.'

*Word bank: apostrophe · contraction · possession · sentence*

**1. What does an apostrophe show in a sentence? (2 marks)**

**2. How did Pip realize the correct sentence? (2 marks)**

**3. What would the sentence be if the apostrophe was placed incorrectly? (2 marks)**

**4. Why is it important to use apostrophes correctly? (3 marks)**

**5. Evaluate: Is it better to use apostrophes correctly or incorrectly? Justify your answer. (3 marks)**

**Draw: Draw a picture of Pip reading a book and making notes in his notebook.**



*Extension challenge: Write a sentence using apostrophes correctly to show possession.*