

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.