

# Apostrophes in Action

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

Use this template to learn about the correct use of apostrophes. Write a sentence using apostrophes and then answer the questions. Draw a picture that shows how apostrophes are used in sentences.

Apostrophes are small marks used in writing. They can be used to show two things: contractions and possession. A contraction is when two words are joined together, like 'can not' becoming 'can't'. Possession is when something belongs to someone, like 'Alice's book'. Apostrophes are never used to make something plural.

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

## 1. Write a sentence using an apostrophe for a contraction: (2 marks)

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## 2. Write a sentence using an apostrophe to show possession: (2 marks)

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## 3. Why are apostrophes never used to make something plural? Write your answer in a sentence: (2 marks)

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of a sentence with an apostrophe and explain why the apostrophe is used in that sentence.



*Extension challenge: Create your own example of a contraction and a possessive noun, and explain how the apostrophe is used in each case.*