

Max's Magnificent Apostrophe Guide

Master the Mark: Make your writing sparkle with apostrophes!

- **Possession:** Use an apostrophe to show who owns something. Max's banana is yellow. The monkey owns the banana, so we add an apostrophe and an s.
- **Omission:** When two words join together, we call it a contraction. We use an apostrophe to show where letters have been removed, like 'do not' becoming 'don't'.
- **Check the singular:** If one person or thing owns an item, the apostrophe usually goes before the s (e.g., The bird's wing).
- **Watch the gap:** The apostrophe 'floats' in the air; it never sits on the line like a comma. Always check it is placed correctly between letters.
- **Avoid plurals:** Remember, we do not use an apostrophe to make a word plural. If you have three apples, just write 'apples', not 'apple's'!

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'apostrophe' comes from Ancient Greek and means 'turning away'. It is a small mark that shows us something is missing or tells us who something belongs to!

Key vocabulary: Apostrophe · Possession · Omission · Contraction · Singular · Plural