

Apostrophe Adventures with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To understand how to use apostrophes for contraction and possession.

Read each flashcard carefully. Pip the caterpillar has written the question on the front, and the answer on the back. Use these to practise your punctuation skills!

What is an apostrophe?

A punctuation mark (') used to show where letters are missing or to show who something belongs to.

What is a contraction?

Two words joined together to make one, with an apostrophe replacing the missing letters.

What is the contraction for 'do not'?

don't

What is the contraction for 'I am'?

I'm

What is the contraction for 'it is'?

it's

What is the contraction for 'cannot'?

can't

What do we use an apostrophe for when showing possession?

To show that something belongs to a person or thing.

Rewrite: The book belonging to Max.

Max's book

Rewrite: The hat belonging to the boy.

The boy's hat

Which letter was omitted in 'they're'?

The letter 'a' (from 'they are').

Is 'cat's bowl' a contraction or possession?

Possession (the bowl belongs to the cat).

What is the contraction for 'we will'?

we'll