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!

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