

Mastering Apostrophes with Max and Kit

Learning objective: To understand and apply the use of apostrophes for singular possession and contractions in written ELA.

Read each flashcard carefully. The front of the card features a rule or an example, while the back provides the explanation. Use these to test your knowledge of punctuation.

What is an apostrophe used for in a contraction?

An apostrophe is used to show where letters have been omitted (left out) when joining two words together, such as 'do not' becoming 'don't'.

What is the contraction for 'I am'?

I'm (The apostrophe replaces the 'a').

How do you show possession for a singular noun?

Add an apostrophe followed by an 's' (e.g., Max's banana).

Where does the apostrophe go in 'the cat of the girl'?

The girl's cat.

What is the contraction for 'could not'?

Couldn't.

If Kit the fox owns a clever puzzle, how do you write that?

Kit's puzzle.

Why is the apostrophe in 'it's' (meaning it is) different from 'its' (meaning belonging to it)?

'It's' is a contraction of 'it is', while 'its' is a possessive pronoun that never uses an apostrophe.

What is the contraction for 'we have'?

We've.

Correct this sentence: The elephants trunk was very long.

The elephant's trunk was very long.

What is the contraction for 'they are'?

They're.

Explain why we use an apostrophe in 'Leo's poetry'.

We use it to show that the poetry belongs to Leo (singular possession).

Convert 'do not' into a contraction and use it in a sentence.

Don't. Example: 'Don't forget your homework!'