

Grammar Homework

The Apostrophe

Week Twenty-One

Apostrophes: When you join two words together to form a contraction, you will always remove some letters. In their place, use an **apostrophe**.

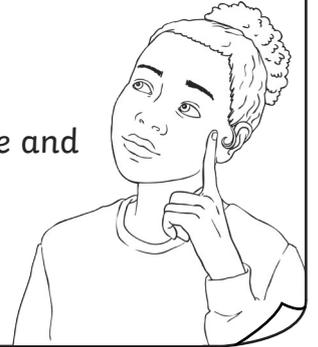
- e.g. cannot – can't (contraction)

Apostrophes are also used to show ownership of something. For a single owner you must add an apostrophe followed by an 's'.

- e.g. the child's toy

If the owner's name already ends in 's', you can either add an apostrophe and another 's' or simply add an apostrophe.

- James's car or James' car



Task 1: Rewrite the following sentences using contractions and apostrophes.

1. We are going to Tayto Park because it is my birthday.

2. Fearghal did not go to school because he was sick.

3. He is annoyed that he could not play football with his friends.

4. She will be happy they are coming to the party.

5. I am meeting John for a walk because it is sunny.

6. Cara would not share her sweets with me.

7. Do not use the toilet because it is out of order.

8. Ellie could not message her friend because she had no data.

Task 2: Adapt the following using apostrophes: show possession in each one.

1. The phone, which belongs to Eoin, is broken.

2. Paul has a new red jumper.

3. The dog, owned by Mr Cawley, is very old.

4. The pencil belonging to Alexis.

5. Claire has a new black cat.

Task 3: Rewrite the following sentences by adding appropriate apostrophes.

1. Shell be happy she isnt in the teachers group anymore.

2. Theyre playing video games at Toms house tomorrow.

3. Marys nieces wouldnt help her with the cleaning.

4. "Ill borrow Jamess bicycle to come meet you,' said Faye.

5. Gavins sister doesnt like heights.

6. Catrionas teacher wasnt pleased: she didnt do her homework.

7. She shouldnt have given you Kates password for her computer.

8. Carloss parents are happy weve become friends.
