

Literacy Moment: Week Beginning 10/10/16



Grammar. The difference
between feeling your nuts
and feeling you're nuts.



The Apostrophe!

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Week 6: The Apostrophe (‘)

1. What do you know about **apostrophes**?
2. Show of hands (and fingers!) How **confident** with apostrophes are you? (1 finger – not at all, 4 fingers – super confident!)



**There is one instance we never use apostrophes for...
do you know what it is?**

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There are two instances when we use an apostrophe:

1. For **possession**. This means where something belongs to someone/something, e.g. The boy's pen.
2. For **omission** (sometimes called **contractions**). This means when letters are missed out to shorten words, e.g. 'do not' becomes 'don't'.

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e.g. That is Josh's seat!

I can't find this word in the dictionary!

This is a smaller (or **contracted**) form of the word cannot. We miss out an 'n' and an 'o', so we need the apostrophe to show this!

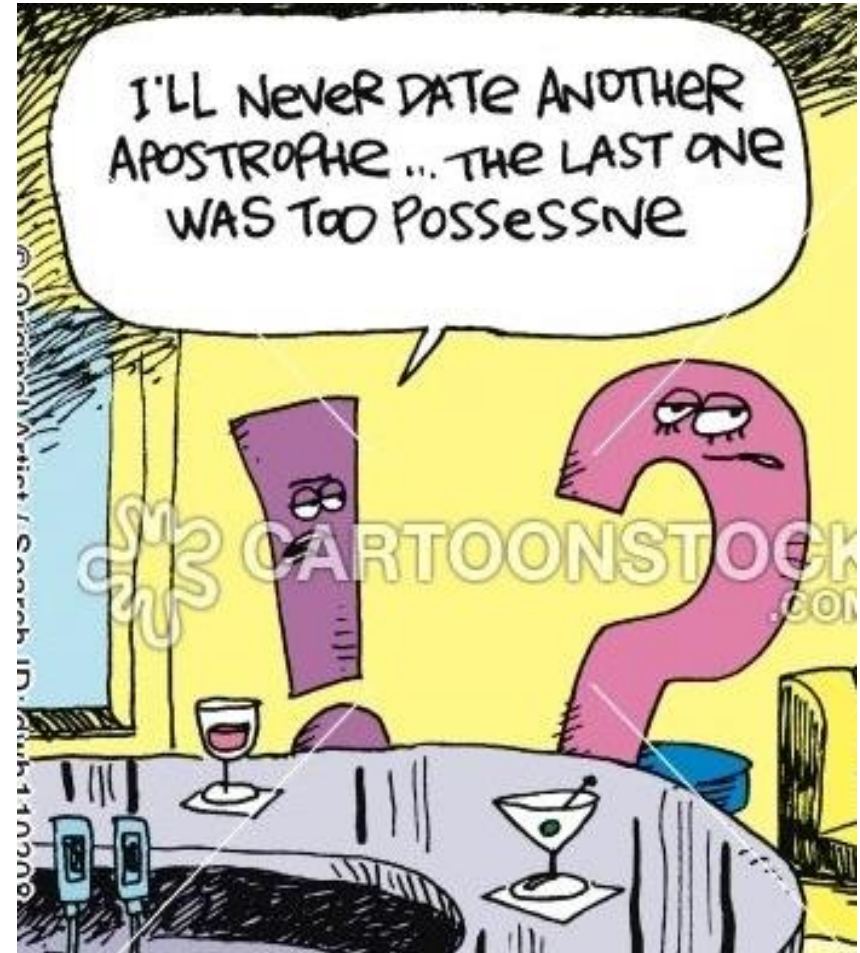
Because the seat belongs to Josh, it is a **possessive** and needs an apostrophe!



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Possession or Omission?

1. Can't
2. Won't
3. Neal's
4. Shouldn't
5. Horse's
6. Mr. Davis'



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Task (two minutes):

Write four sentences. Two should include a possessive apostrophe, and two should contain an apostrophe indicating omission.

Challenge: Can you write **one sentence** that uses **both apostrophes**? Don't forget the **rets of the punctuation we've studied, too!**

Really try to check your work for correct apostrophe use. It earns you so many marks because it's difficult to use!

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Task (two more minutes):

1. Swap your work with a partner.
2. Check their apostrophe use...are they correct?
3. If not, correct them for them. Discuss where they made an error.
4. Help others if you're both right! Share your knowledge!



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WE NEVER USE APOSTROPHES FOR PLURALS!

e.g. I had five apple's.

This is **wrong**! This means either:

I had five apples is.

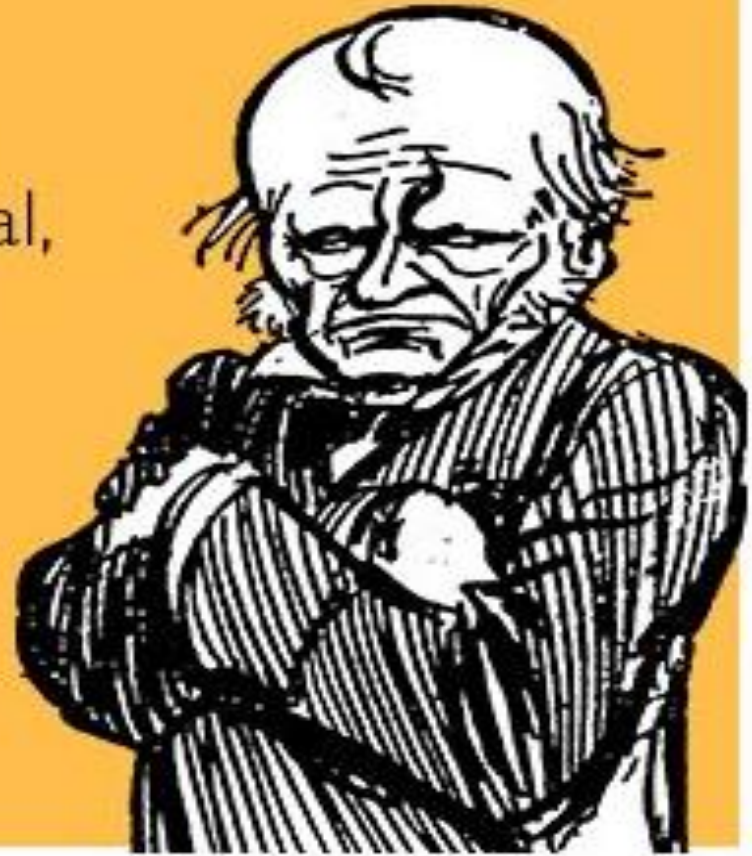
Or

I had five apple's (worth).



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When you add an "apostrophe s" to a word to make it plural, you make the grammar police very upset!



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Key Words from Today's Session...

Apostrophe: A punctuation mark used to indicate possession or omission of letters.

Possession: Meaning 'to belong' to someone or something.

Omission: The missing out ('to omit') of something (in this case, a letter or letters).

Contraction: The act of getting smaller (hence missing out letters).

Plural: The form of nouns indicating more than one. i.e:
one apple, two apples.