

English Task Thursday 14th May

2. Learning about apostrophes

Share the information sheet on [Apostrophes](#) and learn about the two sorts of apostrophe – the possessive apostrophe and the apostrophe for contractions.

- Read Jacques Cousteau's adventure story, [The Cowboy](#).
- Highlight all the apostrophes in the text.
- On [Which Apostrophes Where?](#), identify the different types of apostrophe.
- Rewrite the orange words with apostrophes in the correct places.

Apostrophes

There are two sorts of apostrophe:

Apostrophes of possession or possessive apostrophes,

and

Apostrophes of omission or contractive apostrophes.

Possessive apostrophes

We use **possessive apostrophes** when we are showing that something belongs to someone or something.

The goggles belonging to Didi *are* **Didi's** goggles.

The title of the book *is* the **book's** title.

We add an apostrophe and an s to show belonging.

Contractive apostrophes

We use contractive apostrophes to show that some letters have been missed out when two words are joined together.

Do not *becomes* **don't**

I will *becomes* **I'll**

You should have *becomes* **You should've**

The apostrophe goes where the letters used to be. Can you tell which letters have been missed out in each case?

The Cowboy
An adventure story by Jacques Cousteau



It's a hot, hot day in the old Wild West and a cowboy rides into town on his trusty horse...

"I'll find a stable for Trigger as he can't go any further without a rest. Then I'll go into the saloon and see what's happening there," thought the cowboy to himself. "Do not worry Trigger – I won't forget you!" laughed the cowboy as the horse looked anxiously at his master.

The cowboy's hat was pulled down low over his eyes as he walked into the saloon. The saloon's doors swung back and forward, creak, creak,, creak, creak. In the room's corner sat Desperate Dan, the meanest outlaw in Texas. Dan's moustache twitched as the sight of the cowboy.

"I'd like you to come outside, Dan," said the cowboy calmly. Both men grabbed their pistols and headed out into the noonday sun. Dan's pistol flashed in his hand but the cowboy's pistol was quicker and he fired a bullet which shot Dan's hat clean off.

Collecting Trigger, the cowboy rode off into the desert once more...

Which Apostrophes Where?

- Copy the words with apostrophes into the correct boxes to show the type of apostrophe.
- Have a look at the orange words. Rewrite these words with apostrophes in the correct places.

Possessive apostrophes <i>Didi's goggles The story's title</i>	Contractions <i>don't I'll</i>

Triggers harness _____

Jacques Cousteaus story _____

I wont be a moment _____

You shouldve been quicker, Dan! _____