

LC. Can I understand and apply
apostrophes for contraction?

Let's recap last lesson

What do you remember about synonyms and antonyms?

Did you make a rhyme, song or dance to help you remember?

Apostrophes are used in two ways.

What are the two ways they are used?

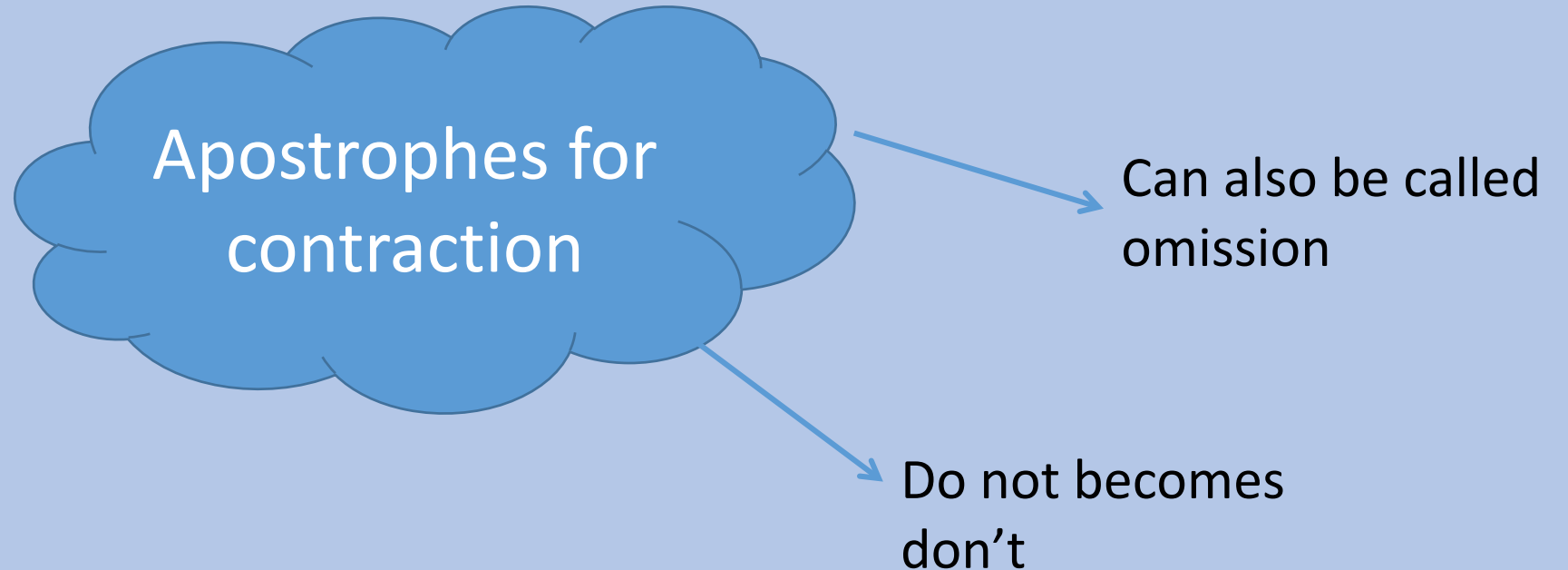
Omission (contractions)

To show possession

Today we are focusing on apostrophes for contraction.

Apostrophes for contraction

Complete a thought bubble to show what you already know about them or any words that contain them.



A little story to help you remember

When two words come together they form a contraction. However, not all the letters from the two words are needed. In order to remember and recognise that there used to be other letters there, kind and considerate grammarians place a simple apostrophe in to mark where they used to be - almost like a little gravestone.

So be kind and considerate (as well as grammatically accurate) and use an apostrophe to remember those letter which are not longer with us.

Why do we contract words?

Why do we not just always say **do not** rather than **don't**?

As our spoken language has developed and evolved, our written language has too. It flows better when we say “don't” than it does when we say “do not”.

When should you avoid using a contraction though?

In formal writing.

Task

can not do not it is who is there is they are we are

You have to write a short story which includes the contracted version of these words. Underline the contractions in a different coloured pencil. Your story must be about a stolen chocolate doughnut!

Test style questions

Write the **contraction** for each of the words below.

The first one has been done for you.

do not **don't**

I am

has not

Write the **contraction** of the underlined words in each box.

"I cannot find my hat," moaned Asha. "I will ask Mum.

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I bet she has seen it."

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Isolation mission



When are apostrophes never ever, ever used (ever)?

To make something plural!



You can now join Miss Court and Mr Lees in the fight against misused apostrophes.

THEY ARE EVERYWHERE!

Complete the 'misused apostrophe crime log' whenever you see a misused apostrophe- you'll be surprised how many people use them wrong. You may also email us photos as evidence of them being used wrong. We can then work together to sentence the apostrophe misusers to **apostrophe prison!**

Misused apostrophe crime log

Name of apostrophe detective: _____

Date the crime took place	Location of the crime	Details of the crime	What should it have said?

Together we can rid this world of apostrophe crime!