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Punctuation and Style

Introduction

Tell the students that they will be studying about punctuation marks in this unit. Punctuation marks are signals in writing. Some, such as periods, exclamation points, and question marks, tell you to stop. They also tell you how to speak a sentence; for example, an exclamation point tells you to use excitement. Other marks, such as commas, quotation marks, and apostrophes, send other signals about what you are reading or writing.

Parent Letter

Include this sample parent letter in your classroom newsletter, on your website, or in your blog.

Dear Parents,

In our *Exploring English Grammar* book, we are now learning how to use punctuation marks as signals when we write.

- We will use periods (), question marks (?), and exclamation points
 (!) at the end of sentences.
- » We will also use periods in initials and abbreviations.
- » We will use commas (,):
 - O In dates
 - O Between the name of a city and the name of a state
 - O After introductory words in a sentence
 - O Around the name of a person/being spoken to
 - O Before the word and in a compound sentence
 - O Between parts of a series
- » We will use apostrophes () in contractions and possessive forms.
- » We will write direct quotations correctly.
- » We will learn to use colons (:), semicolons (;), and dashes (–).
- » We will write titles of works using underlining or quotation marks.

Here are some activities to do with your child to help with what they are learning.

» Let your child interview you. Help him or her to write down the conversation using quotation marks, correct capitalization, and other punctuation marks.

Thank you for your help at home!

Lesson 3 Apostrophe

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Objective To use apostrophes in contractions and to make nouns possessive

Enrichment Invite students to bring in foods from various cultures for the class to try. Have students write about which foods were their favorites and which they did not like.

Working with the Lesson

Remember Read and discuss this section. Look at the examples. Discuss the different uses for the apostrophe (*in a contraction and possessive form*). Students should be familiar with possessive form from Unit 2, Lesson 2.

Think About Have the students work as a group, with a partner, or individually.

Read and Apply Read the directions as a class. Let students complete this section independently.

Write About Read the directions as a class. Have students complete this section independently. Allow time for students to share their paragraphs with the class.

Review Complete the review as a whole-class activity. Read each set of directions together. Then read each group of words twice to the class. Give the students time to write their answer.

- Say: 1. did not
 - 2. Twill
 - 3. have not
 - 4. you would
 - 5/ the desks of the women
 - 6. the bowl of the cat
 - 7. the meal of a family
 - 8. the bottles of the babies

Apostrophe	Write About Write a paragraph about a food you don't like. Give two reasons why you don't like it.
Remember An apostrophe (') is used to take the place of the letter or fetters that are left out of a contraction.	Answers will vary.
do not she is I will they would don't she's I'll they o	
An apostrophe is also used to make a noun possessive:	
the cat that Miranda has = Miranda's cat the father of the twins <u>t</u> = the twins father a store for men = a men's store	
Think About What is a contraction made of?	
two small words	Review Listen to each group of words. Then write the contraction for the words on the line.
Read and Apply Read the sentences. Above each group of underlined words, Write a possessive noun and its object or a contraction to replace/t.	1 didn't
Don't You'N Do not try to eat a raw olive. You will find that they taste awful because	2. [']]
they are full of strong-shemicals. Olives must be coaked in lye or they sould	<u>2.</u>
isn't we're not be eaten. Lye is not goed to eat by itself, but we're able to eat olives	3. <u>haven't</u>
with lye in them. That is because it is changed by the chemicals of the gives.	4. <u>you'd</u>
can't Olive treps cannot grow everywhere. The <u>climate</u> Shouldn't	Listen to each group of words. Then write the possessive noun and its object on the line.
must be just right, it should not get too cold. Olive trees can live	5the women's desks
more than 1,000 years. If the nutrients of the soil are right and the isn't it it is in the soil are right and the isn't it is is it is is it is	6the cat's bowl
tree is not hurt by disease; it will continue to make olives for many trees trunks years. The trunks of the trees pre-oken short and twisted. The	z, a family's meal
fruit of the tree can be eaten or made into oil.	
	8. <u>The bables bottles</u>
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