



Apostrophes in Contractions and Possessives

Today's Standard

2.L.2c - Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives.

Cues	Notes
What is a contraction?	A contraction is a shortened form of two words, like 'can't' for 'cannot'.
What is a possessive noun?	A possessive noun shows ownership, like 'Sarah's book'.
How do you form a contraction?	To form a contraction, combine two words and replace omitted letters with an apostrophe.
How do you show possession with an apostrophe?	To show possession, add an apostrophe and 's' to the noun, like 'the dog's bone'.
What are common mistakes with apostrophes?	Common mistakes include confusing possessives with plurals and incorrect apostrophe placement in contractions.

Summary

Understanding how to use apostrophes for contractions and possessives is key to clear writing. Students should practice forming contractions and possessive nouns correctly to avoid common mistakes.