



Apostrophes in Contractions and Possessives

Today's Standard

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

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing sentences using contractions like 'can't' and 'don't'.; Identifying possessive nouns in a story, such as 'Sarah's book' or 'the dog's bone'.; Creating a list of contractions and possessives from a reading passage.;

Explaining the difference between 'its' and 'it's' in sentences.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use apostrophes to make contractions like 'can't' and show possession like 'Sarah's book'.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids mix up possessive nouns with plural nouns, thinking that adding an 's' always shows ownership. Another mistake is putting the apostrophe in the wrong place in contractions, like writing 'do'nt' instead of 'don't'.

Quiz Me

- What is a contraction?
- How do you show that something belongs to someone?
- Can you give me an example of a contraction?
- What do we add to a noun to show possession?
- Why do we use apostrophes in contractions?

Help Me

When we write, we use apostrophes to make words shorter, like 'can't' for 'cannot', and to show that something belongs to someone, like 'the dog's bone'.