

Apostrophes



Apostrophes can be used to create contractions, (E.g. do + not = don't) or to show possession (E.g. The ball belongs to Kevin = Kevin's ball).

Have a go at using apostrophes below.

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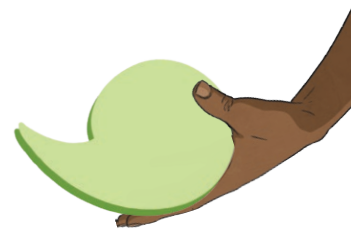
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