

Below are some video links and guidance to support you in completing your SPaG tasks this week. Make sure to watch and read through these first as a recap. When you feel confident, you can move on to attempting the SPaG starter task below.

Video links:

BBC Bitesize - How to use possessive apostrophes -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zx9ydxs>

BBC Bitesize - How to use apostrophes in contractions -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zcyv4qt>

KS2 English: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Study Book:

Read through pages 30-33 to recap your knowledge of apostrophes and the different situations they are used in.

Task one - Apostrophes for Missing Letters

Read the guidance below and then answer question 1 and 2:

Use an apostrophe to show where you've left letters out of a contraction.

They will = they'll

Who would = who'd

Sometimes the contraction doesn't quite match the words it's made from:

Will not = won't

1. Write the words in the brackets into each sentence in their contracted form.

You _____ called me as soon as you heard! (Should have)

Jen _____ remember where Qasim kept the remote (could not)

"This is boring. _____ it going to start?" Nika asked (When is)

Zakia wanted to know why _____ not been selected. (she had)

Chris thought _____ be fun to start a cricket team. (it would)

2. Rewrite each sentence below. Change the contractions into their longer versions.

I didn't do it, I promise!	I did not do it, I promise!
What're we going to do?	
I must've left it behind.	

She'll be here soon.	
How's your sister doing?	
You've made it.	
I haven't got a clue.	

Task two - Apostrophes for Possession

Read the guidance below and then answer question 1 and 2:

You can use apostrophes to show that someone or something owns something.

For singular nouns, and plural nouns that don't end in 's', add an apostrophe and 's':

The drum's beat

The bus's driver

The mice's hole

If a plural noun ends in 's', you only add the apostrophe:

The daisies' petals

1. Rewrite each phrase so that it changes from singular to plural.

Singular	Plural
The bear's paw	The bears' paws
The child's smile	
The gorilla's face	

The cherry's stalk	
The lizard's tongue	

2. Write a sentence about each set of words, using an apostrophe to show possession.

Anne, race, nine:

Anne's race started at nine in the morning

bear, fur, pink:

Joe, bobsleigh, crash

aliens, ship, lost

cactus, spikes, sharp

Task three - Its and It's

Read the guidance below and then answer question 1 and 2:

The words 'its' and 'it's' mean two different things.

Its: this means 'belonging to it':

e.g. its face is round

It's: this means 'it is' or 'it has':

e.g. it's a boy

e.g. it's taken ages

1. Write 'its' or 'it's' to complete the sentences below.

I think _____ under the table.

The chick went to find _____ nest.

The airline cancelled _____ flight.

_____ an earthquake - run!

My dog loves _____ bed.

I think _____ stopped snowing.

_____ been a total disaster!

Don't worry, _____ going to be fine.

2. Circle the incorrect uses of 'its' and 'it's' in the passage below.

I've just had my book published - it's all about King Arthur and his knights. I'm sure its going to be a bestseller because it's been liked by everyone who's read it so far. It's cover has a picture of the round table, my name and the title in big gold letters. Its going on sale next week - I can't wait!

Task four - Apostrophe Practice

1. Put a cross next to the sentences which use apostrophes incorrectly. Write out the incorrect words that that they are correct.

The hospital' staff all wear uniform.		
Four girls' costumes were left on the floor.		
My business' new product is out today.		
The lion roared and bared it's sharp teeth.		
It's my eleventh birthday in a fortnight.		

2. Add apostrophes to these sentences where they are needed.

Are you sure *Alisons* freckles havent moved?

In *Mr Greens* opinion, I shouldnt have won.

Grandads hearing wont improve.

Its rained a lot, so the rivers burst its banks.

3. Write a sentence using two apostrophes: one to show possession and one to show a missing letter. Use the words below to help you.

Rani, crocodile, swim
