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The Absolutely Awesome Apostrophe Book

Software

- Any word processor

Skills Developed

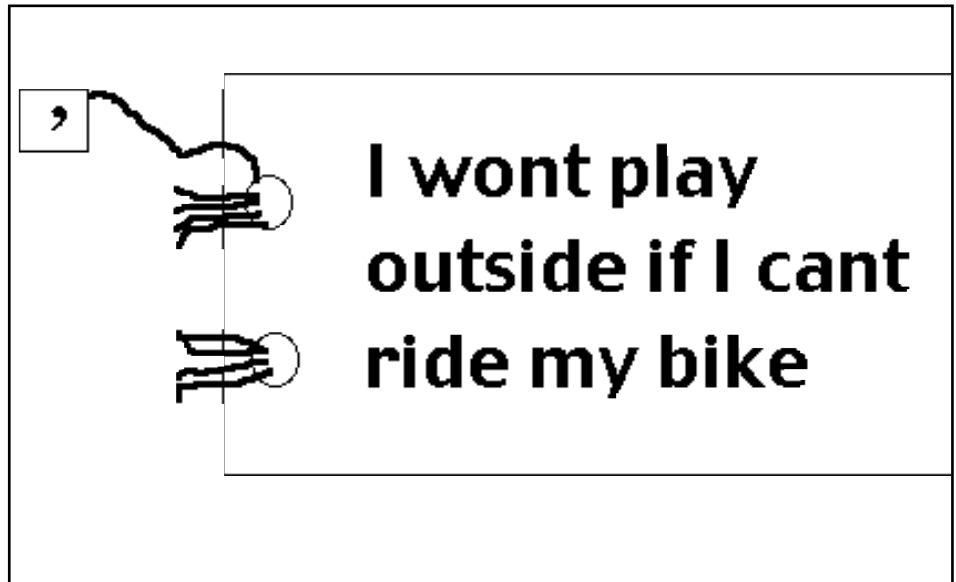
- Apostrophes
- Reading
- Contractions
- Creative writing

Materials

- Chart paper
- Textas
- String
- Cardboard
- Sticky tape

Template

- No template is needed.



Before the Computer

1. As a class, brainstorm a list of contractions and write them on a piece of chart paper.
2. Hang the chart near the computers.
3. Prior to beginning the project, specify the font, font size, and font style that you want students to use.

At the Computer

1. Open the word processor.
2. Type a sentence using a large font size. Use two or more contractions in the sentence and leave out the apostrophes.
3. Print.
4. Cut off any excess paper.

After the Computer

1. Put the pages with the sentences together to make a class book.
2. Write an apostrophe on a small rectangle cut from cardboard.
3. Tape one end of a piece of string to the back of the cardboard with the apostrophe on it. Tie the other end of the string onto the top left-hand binding of the book.
4. Allow each student to read through the book and place the apostrophe where it is needed in each contraction.
5. Students can take turns taking this book home to share with their families.

Barnyard Counting Book

Software

- Any drawing software that includes stamps and allows you to add text

Skills Developed

- Recognition of animals
- Counting

Materials

- Chart paper
- Texta
- Stapler or string and a hole puncher

Templates

- Barnyard Counting Book 1 Template
- Barnyard Counting Book 2 Template

Before the Computer

1. As a class, brainstorm a list of animals that you might find on a farm.
2. List these animals on a piece of chart paper.
3. Display the chart near the computers.

At the Computer

1. Open the drawing software.
2. Find the Barnyard Counting Book 1 Template on the CD-ROM and import it into your drawing software.
3. Select the stamp tool and find a stamp of an animal that might be found on a farm. Note that the number 1 is in the first section. Stamp the animal once in the first section to go with the number 1.
4. Find a different barnyard animal stamp for each section. Stamp the appropriate number of animals to go with the number in each section.
5. Print.
6. Repeat this procedure with the Barnyard Counting Book 2 Template.

After the Computer

1. Cut off any excess paper.
2. Cut each page apart along the lines.
3. Staple the book together or punch two holes and bind the book with string.

Variation

- You can use stamps to go along with any unit you are studying. Examples: If you are studying the rainforest, have students make a Rainforest Counting Book. If you are studying about Christmas, you can have students make a Gingerbread Man Counting Book.

