GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION · YEAR 4

Apostrophes for Possession and Contraction

Name _____ Date _____

> Apostrophes can show missing letters in a contraction or ownership in a possessive word.

1 Add the apostrophes

Rewrite each sentence, adding apostrophes where they are needed. Keep all the words the same.

1. I cant wait to show you my new book.

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2. Weve put the puppys bowl beside the back door.

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3. The three girls coats are hanging in the cloakroom.

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4. Amira says shes finished her work.

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5. The childrens lunch boxes are on the table.

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6. Its time to go, so lets tidy the classroom.

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2 Missing letters or ownership?

Read each phrase. Circle whether the apostrophe shows missing letters or ownership.

Phrase	Missing letters	Ownership
can't wait	○	○
Asha's coat	○	○
we're ready	○	○
the fox's den	○	○
isn't raining	○	○
children's books	○	○
they'll arrive	○	○
pupils' bags	○	○

3 Your turn

Write one example of each.

A contraction

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A possessive phrase

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