

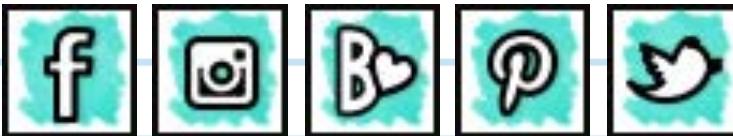
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All About
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THE
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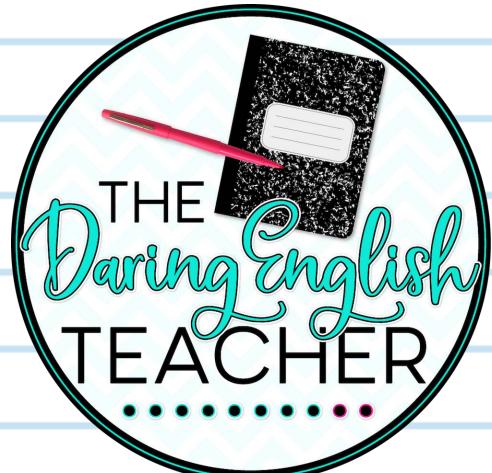
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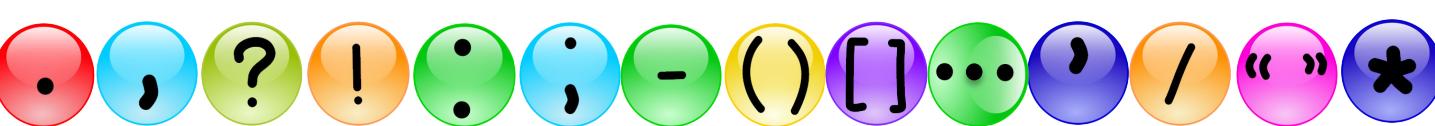
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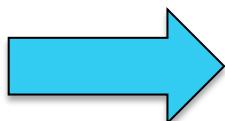
Student Reference Sheets

HANDOUTS



There are two reference sheets/handouts in this resource.

1. The first handout is an 8.5 x 11 color poster for your classroom.
2. The second reference sheet is a chart that contains apostrophe rules and examples. Encourage students to keep this handout in their notebook.
3. **NEW:** Student reference bookmarks.
4. **NEW:** Student doodle note page. Have students complete these doodle notes as they review the presentation.



Teaching Tip:

Before displaying the poster or handing out the student reference sheet, you might want to administer the pre test to assess your students' prior knowledge.

APOSTROPHE

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2. Indicate a Contraction

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***DO NOT use an apostrophe to make a word plural!**

Correct

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Apostrophes are challenging.

Incorrect

The cat's are playing.

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A Student's Guide to
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The Apostrophe BOOKMARK

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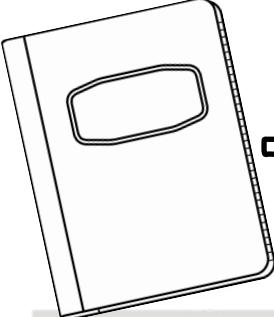
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Doodle Notes

THE APOSTROPHE

Directions: As you learn about apostrophes, add your notes to this page.

Why do we punctuate?

POSSESSION RULES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

POSSESSION

What does POSSESSION mean?

Singular vs. Plural

1.

2.

3.

POSSESSION/CONTRACTION

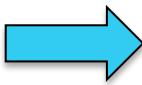
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Student Work Sheets

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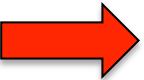
There 10 different student handouts in this resource.

1. Tests: The first two handouts are tests. There is a pretest and a test. These tests are identical so that you can see how much your students learn throughout the course of this unit. The answer key for these tests is located at the end of this resource.
2. Worksheets: There are 8 worksheets in this unit. All of the worksheets have answer keys located at the end of this resource.
 1. Apostrophe Rules Organizer
 2. Writing with Apostrophes 1
 3. Writing with Apostrophes 2
 4. Is This Sentence Correct? 1
 5. Is This Sentence Correct? 2
 6. Punctuate Each Sentence
 7. Which one is Correct?
 8. Writing with Apostrophes 3



Teaching Tip:

- For the “Write Your Own Sentences” activity on page 8, have students work together in groups. Each group needs to come up with X amount of sentences for each example. Have students write the sentences on the board and vote for the winners.
- On an overhead projector, show students real-life writing examples (textbook excerpts, newspaper articles, short stories) and have them identify the commas and which apostrophe rule each one follows.
- You can turn many of these worksheets into collaborative work by grouping students together to complete the task.
- Encourage a healthy discussion about punctuation by reviewing the answers aloud with students.
- As an extension activity, have students peer review past assignments (quick writes, essays, and so on) to assess if the apostrophes were placed correctly.



Teaching Tip:

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A Student's Guide to **Apostrophes**

Write Your Own Sentences

Directions: For each apostrophe usage listed below, write your own sentence that demonstrates your ability to accurately punctuate a sentence with an apostrophe. In the last row, demonstrate your understanding of how to correctly pluralize words in a sentence.

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B. I would've gone to the museum if you asked.

7. A. Her best friend's brothers bike was stolen last night.
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8. A. Carl's and Karen's house is lovely.
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9. A. We want to go, but the decision is not our's to make.
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Directions: Rewrite the original sentence to include an apostrophe.

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1. The toys in the yard belong to the dogs.

2. The flavor of the cake is chocolate and raspberry.

3. The website of the business is new.

4. I want to ride on the bike that belongs to Robert.

5. I want to go to the house that belongs to Amber and Lydia.

6. She is wearing the shirt that belongs to Samantha.

7. I borrowed a pen and pencil from the teacher.

8. The flames of the bonfire were orange and white.



Answer

KEYS



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Apostrophe Pretest/tes

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5. A. The girl who's parents went on vacation was sad.
B. The girl whose parents went on vacation was sad.
6. A. I woul'dve gone to the museum if you asked.
 B. I would've gone to the museum if you asked.
7. A. Her best friend's brothers bike was stolen last night.
 B. Her best friend's brother's bike was stolen last night.
8. A. Carl's and Karen's house is lovely.
 B. Carl and Karen's house is lovely.
9. A. We want to go, but the decision is not our's to make.
 B. We want to go, but the decision is not ours to make.
10. A. The plants flower's are pink.
 B. The plant's flowers are pink.

All About Punctuation **The Apostrophe**

ANSWER KEY

The **apostrophe** is a punctuation mark that is used to indicate possession. Apostrophes are used when combining words to form contractions.

Example: Lydia's younger sister won't attend school with us.

Writing with Apostrophes

Directions: Rewrite the original sentence to include an apostrophe.

EXAMPLE: The new blue shoes belong to Sally.

Answers may vary slightly, but the possessive noun should be the same!

Those are Sally's new blue shoes.

1. The toys in the yard belong to the dogs.

Those are the dog's toys in the yard.

2. The flavor of the cake is chocolate and raspberry.

The cake's flavor is chocolate and raspberry.

3. The website of the business is new.

The business's website is new.

4. I want to ride on the bike that belongs to Robert.

I want to ride Robert's bike.

5. I want to go to the house that belongs to Amber and Lydia.

I want to go to Amber and Lydia's house.

6. She is wearing the shirt that belongs to Samantha.

She is wearing Samantha's shirt.

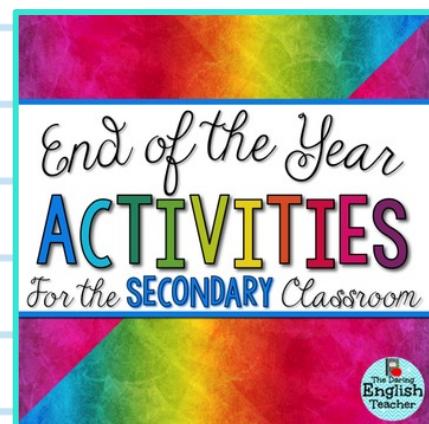
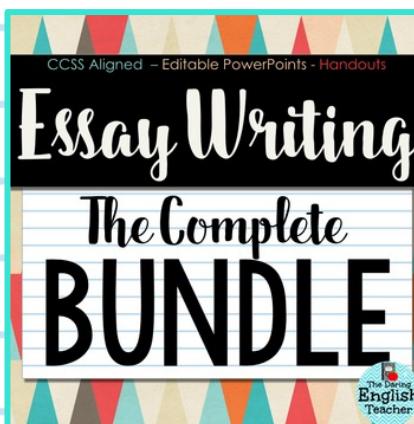
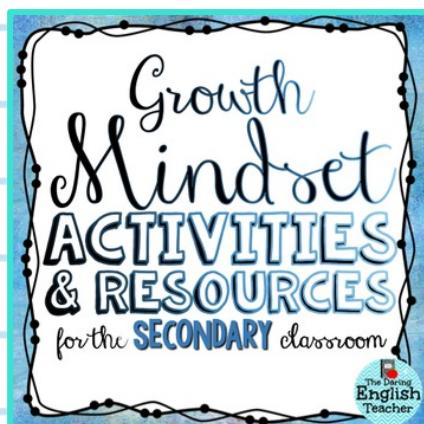
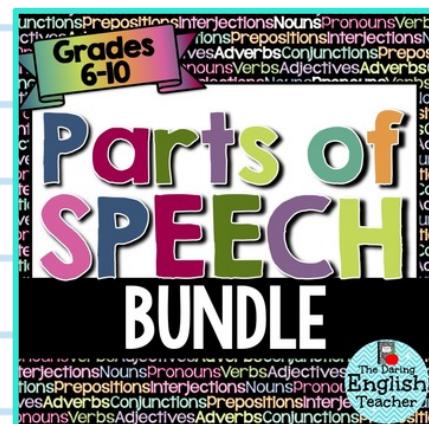
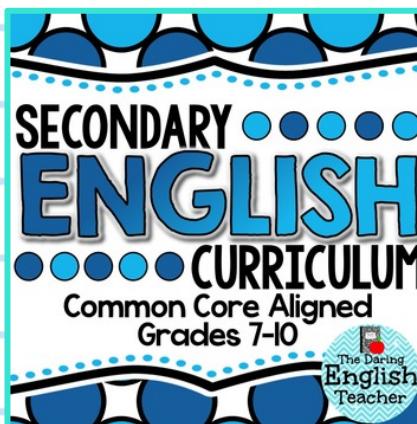
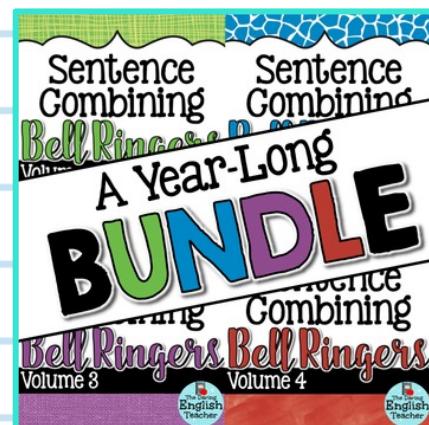
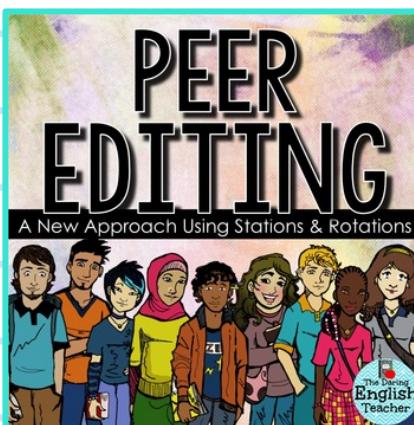
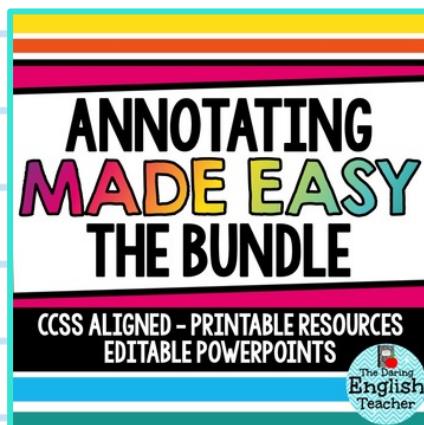
7. I borrowed a pen and pencil from the teacher.

I borrowed the teacher's pen and pencil.

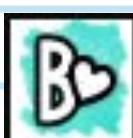
8. The flames of the bonfire were orange and white.

The bonfire's flames were orange and white.

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