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## Mysterious Punctuation Marks: Apostrophes

Check out a mysterious punctuation mark--the apostrophe--in this interactive tutorial. You'll learn several important rules and guidelines to help you demystify this punctuation mark so you can use it correctly in your own writing.

### Attachments

[Accessible Version](#): Accessible version of the tutorial in PDF format.

### General Information

**Subject(s)**: English Language Arts

**Grade Level(s)**: 6, 7, 8

**Intended Audience**: Students

**Instructional Time**: 25 Minute(s)

**Keywords**: English Language Arts, grades 6-8, interactive, elearning, e-learning, apostrophe, apostrophes, apostrophe for possession, apostrophe to form contraction, apostrophe for tricky plurals, apostrophe for odd plurals, punctuation, tutorials

**Instructional Component Type(s)**: Original Student Tutorial

**Resource Collection**: Original Student Tutorials for Language Arts - Grades 6-12

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### Aligned Standards

Name	Description
<a href="#">LAFS.6.L.1.2:</a>	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements. b. Spell correctly.

<a href="#">LAFS.7.L.1.2:</a>	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. a. Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old[,] green shirt). b. Spell correctly.
<a href="#">LAFS.8.L.1.2:</a>	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. a. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break. b. Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission. c. Spell correctly.

## Suggested Tutorials

Name	Description
<a href="#">Investigating Essential and Nonessential Elements: Part Two:</a>	Investigate essential and nonessential elements in a sentence. In Part Two of this two-part series, you'll learn about essential and nonessential phrases and clauses and how to use commas with nonessential phrases and clauses in a sentence.  Please complete Part One before beginning Part Two. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to launch Part One.
<a href="#">Investigating Essential and Nonessential Elements: Part One:</a>	Investigate essential and nonessential elements in a sentence in this two-part, interactive tutorial series. In Part One, you'll learn about appositives and how to use commas with appositives when they provide nonessential information in a sentence.  When you're done, make sure to complete Part Two. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to launch Part Two.
<a href="#">Mysterious Punctuation: The Dash -- Part Two:</a>	Investigate a mysterious punctuation mark--the dash--in this interactive, two-part tutorial. In this series, you'll learn about two types of dashes and their different uses. In Part Two, you'll learn about the em dash and practice using it correctly.  We recommend that you complete Part One first! Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to launch Part One.
<a href="#">Mysterious Punctuation: The Dash -- Part One :</a>	Investigate a mysterious punctuation mark--the dash--in this interactive, two-part tutorial. In this series, you'll learn about two types of dashes and their different uses. In Part One, you'll learn about the en dash and practice using it correctly. In Part Two, you'll learn about the em dash and practice using it correctly. We hope by the end of this series that the dash will no longer be quite so mysterious!  Make sure to complete Part Two! Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to launch Part Two.
<a href="#">Mysterious Punctuation Marks: The Ellipsis:</a>	Check out a mysterious punctuation mark . . . the ellipsis . . . in this interactive, English Language Arts tutorial. You'll learn a number of different uses for the ellipsis and apply what you learn to practice using the ellipsis correctly.
<a href="#">Mysterious Punctuation Marks: Commas:</a>	Don't be mystified by commas! This interactive tutorial will help you better understand how to correctly use this often mysterious punctuation mark. You'll learn several ways commas are commonly misused to help make sure you don't make these same mistakes in your own writing. Then, you'll learn several ways to correctly use a comma.
<a href="#">Mysterious Punctuation: Investigating Commas :</a>	Learn a number of important rules that will help you master the mysterious comma. In this interactive tutorial, you'll learn how commas are used to separate three or more items in a series and to "set off" certain aspects of a sentence.
<a href="#">Fixing Run-on Sentences:</a>	Learn to recognize and fix one of the most common grammar errors—the run-on sentence—as you complete this interactive tutorial.
<a href="#">Capitalization: A Crash Course:</a>	Learn the rules of capitalization in this interactive tutorial! By the end, you'll have undergone a "crash course" in correct capitalization.
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<a href="#">Commas, Commas, Everywhere!:</a>	Review common uses of the comma and learn how it can be properly used to set off nonrestrictive elements--like phrases and words--in a sentence. This interactive tutorial will also give you the chance to complete practice activities to check your understanding.
<a href="#">Learning the Ropes: Applying Comma Rules:</a>	Learn how to use commas to connect two sentences, how to use commas with coordinate adjectives, and how to use the Oxford comma. In this interactive tutorial, you will complete practice exercises and read several short passages about primates, including gorillas and baboons.
<a href="#">Punctuation Vacation: Everybody Needs a Break!:</a>	In this interactive tutorial, you'll take a "punctuation vacation" to learn how commas, dashes, and ellipses can be used to indicate breaks or pauses in your writing.