

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. It's story time!

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGi2BkgPfDc&t=499s%2C> and finish watching *Manfish* by Jennifer Berne.

2. Learning about apostrophes

Share the information sheet on *Apostrophes* and learn about the two sorts of apostrophe – the possessive apostrophe and the apostrophe for contractions.

- Read Jacques Cousteau's adventure story, *The Cowboy*.
- Highlight all the apostrophes in the text.
- On *Which Apostrophes Where?*, identify the different types of apostrophe.
- Rewrite the orange words with apostrophes in the correct places.

3. Let's get ready for writing

Read *Beneath the Waves*.

- Find all the adjectives the author has used to create her vivid description. The first three have been highlighted for you.
- Using the two pictures from the book, write your own vivid description about the fish and other sea creatures that Jacques found.

Now try these Fun-Time Extras

- *We're Going on an Apostrophe Hunt!* Find a book or a magazine at home. Pick a page at random. How many apostrophes of each sort can you find on the page? Use tally marks to show how many there are. Add the tally marks up to find the totals.
- Underwater was Jacques Cousteau's favourite place: what is yours? Draw a picture and write about it on *My Favourite Place*.

Apostrophes

There are **two** sorts of apostrophe:

Apostrophes of possession or possessive apostrophes,

and

Apostrophes of omission or contractive apostrophes.

Possessive apostrophes

We use **possessive apostrophes** when we are showing that something belongs to someone or something.

The goggles belonging to Didi *are* **Didi's** goggles.

The title of the book *is* the **book's** title.

We add an apostrophe and an s to show belonging.

Contractive apostrophes

We use contractive apostrophes to show that some letters have been missed out when two words are joined together.

Do not *becomes* **don't**

I will *becomes* **I'll**

You should have *becomes* **You should've**

The apostrophe goes where the letters used to be. Can you tell which letters have been missed out in each case?

The Cowboy
An adventure story by Jacques Cousteau



It's a hot, hot day in the old Wild West and a cowboy rides into town on his trusty horse...

"I'll find a stable for Trigger as he can't go any further without a rest. Then I'll go into the saloon and see what's happening there," thought the cowboy to himself. "Do not worry Trigger – I won't forget you!" laughed the cowboy as the horse looked anxiously at his master.

The cowboy's hat was pulled down low over his eyes as he walked into the saloon. The saloon's doors swung back and forward, creak, creak,, creak, creak. In the room's corner sat Desperate Dan, the meanest outlaw in Texas. Dan's moustache twitched as the sight of the cowboy.

"I'd like you to come outside, Dan," said the cowboy calmly. Both men grabbed their pistols and headed out into the noonday sun. Dan's pistol flashed in his hand but the cowboy's pistol was quicker and he fired a bullet which shot Dan's hat clean off.

Collecting Trigger, the cowboy rode off into the desert once more...

Which Apostrophes Where?

- Copy the words with apostrophes into the correct boxes to show the type of apostrophe.
- Have a look at the orange words. Rewrite these words with apostrophes in the correct places.

Possessive apostrophes <i>Didi's goggles</i> <i>The story's title</i>	Contractions <i>don't</i> <i>I'll</i>

Triggers harness _____

Jacques Cousteaus story _____

I wont be a moment _____

You shouldve been quicker, Dan! _____

Beneath the Waves



On their journeys they dove deep into a seascape of plants. **Green** and **purple** and **prickly** plants, red branchy plants, spongy plants, feathery swaying plants, slow dancing to the rhythms of the sea. They discovered plants that could feed you and plants that could poison you. Plants that looked like fish, and fish that looked like plants.

Fish and Sea Creatures Beneath the Waves



A large rectangular area with an orange border, containing ten horizontal lines for writing.

We're Going on an Apostrophe Hunt!

Name of book or magazine: _____

Page number: _____

Possessive apostrophes <i>Didi's goggles</i> <i>The story's title</i>	Contractions <i>don't</i> <i>would've</i>

Total	Total

My Favourite Place

A writing area enclosed in a decorative border of colorful puzzle pieces (red, blue, yellow, and grey). The interior of the box is divided into eight horizontal lines for writing.