

What's wrong with this?



a  
bugs  
life

The image shows a stylized title 'a bugs life' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The word 'a' is positioned above 'bugs'. The letters 'b', 'u', and 'g' in 'bugs' contain cutouts of a beetle, a spider, and a fly respectively. The word 'life' is positioned below 'bugs'. The entire title is set against a green background.

- It should have capital letters because it's a title
- It should have an apostrophe between the 'g' and the 's'

Write down the statements that are **true**.

## Apostrophes...

...look like this: “

...are used to show a letter is missing. ✓

...look like this: ‘ ✓

...are used when there is more than one of something.

...are used to show that something belongs to someone ✓

...are used whenever a word ends in ‘s’.

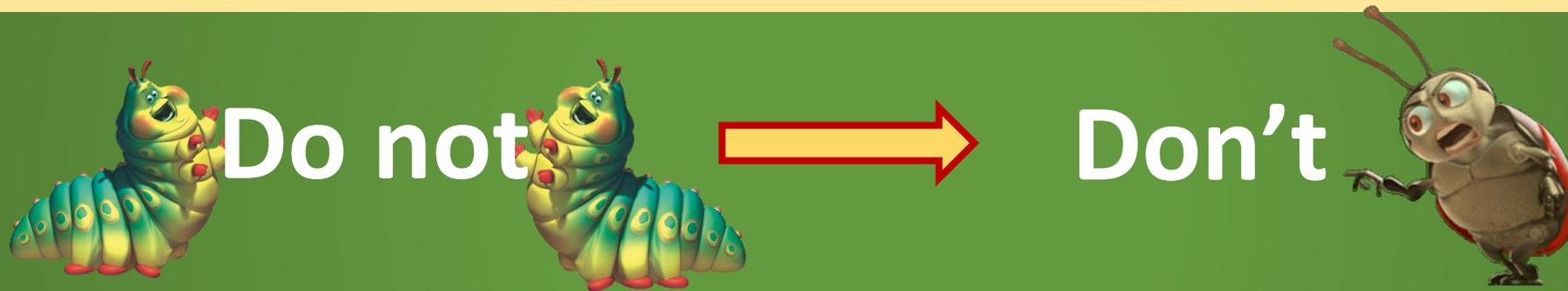


**Extension:** come up with an example for each use.

There are **two** uses for an apostrophe

# 1. Omission: when a letter has been missed out.

An apostrophe shows a letter has been missed out, usually when two words have been pushed together to create a **contraction**.



Re-write these as contractions

The Ants **can not** find enough food to please the evil grasshoppers.

As a result, **they will** punish the ants.

However, the ants **will not** go down without a fight.

I **have not** seen A Bug's Life before.

can't

they'll

won't

haven't

The second use for an apostrophe

2. Possession: to show something belongs to someone.

Example: The ant's wings.



The Queen's baby.



Flik's brilliant idea.



Hopper's intimidating stare.

# Apostrophes for Possession: After the 'S'

If something belongs to more than one person then you add the apostrophe **after** the 's'.



The caterpillar's food

Before the 's' because the food belongs to one person.

The ants' food

After the 's' because the food belongs to more than one.

# Apostrophes for Possession Continued

## Using apostrophes in lists



**Flik and Dot's conversation.**

Apostrophe and 's' only go after the second person because the conversation belongs to both of them.

**Flik's and Dot's antennas.**

Apostrophe and 's' goes after both names because they have their own antennas.

# Apostrophes for Possession: After the 'S'

If the person's name ends in 's' put the apostrophe **after** the 's'.



Flick's invention

Before the 's' because the name  
Flick does not end in 's'



Cornelius' walking stick

After the s because  
Cornelius ends in 's'

# One last rule:

## It's and its

The apostrophe is only used here for contraction (it is):

*It's a shame the grasshoppers won't leave the ants alone.*

It is never used to show possession (its):

*Its beak snapped terrifyingly at the insects.*





# Apostrophes

Apostrophes have two uses



## 1. For Omission

Apostrophes are used to show a letter is missing: do not = don't

**TASK:** write the words in bold as contractions

1. The Ants **can not** find enough food to please the evil grasshoppers.
2. As a result, **they will** punish the ants.
3. However, the ants **will not** go down without a fight.
4. I **have not** seen A Bug's Life before.

## 2. For Possession

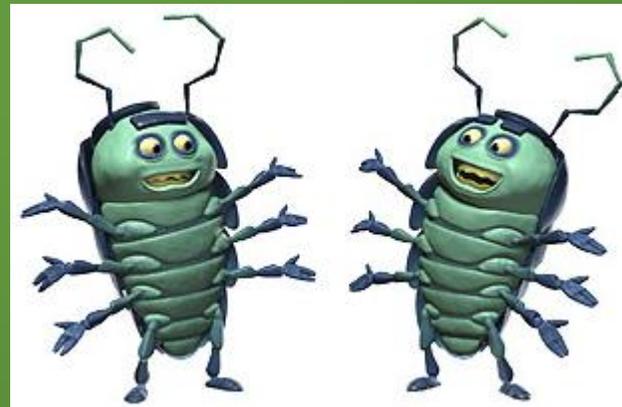
**Task:** write out the words and add apostrophe and an s.

1. Flik invention ruined everything.
2. The queen was concerned about Hopper threats.
3. Flik and Dot adventure was both dangerous and exciting.
4. The ant food is stolen every year to appease the grasshopper appetites.
5. It a story about bugs; It characters are funny.

# Watch the bird attack

[A Bug's Life \(1998\) - Bird Attacks - YouTube](#)

Write as many sentences as you can about this scene using **apostrophes**. Begin a new line after every sentence .



Have you evolved into a beautiful apostrophe-using butterfly?



**I'm a beautiful butterfly!**