

Activity Type

Interactive reading, matching and writing exercises

Language Focus

Apostrophes and quotation marks

Aim

To learn and practice how to use apostrophes and quotation marks.

Preparation

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This punctuation interactive worksheet helps students learn and practice how to use apostrophes and quotation marks.

Procedure

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Students begin by matching situations in which quotation marks and apostrophes are used with examples.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. e 2. a 3. b 4. f 5. g 6. h 7. c 8. d

After that, students match British and American quotation mark usage with examples.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. b, c 2. a, d 3. b 4. d 5. d 6. c 7. c 8. a

Next, students move on to rewrite phrases, adding apostrophes where needed.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. don't run 5. four 2's 9. a few cups of tea
2. three apples 6. two t's 10. my boss's office
3. William's party 7. can't wait
4. I'm hungry 8. my parents' house

In the last exercise, students read a passage and rewrite sentences containing direct quotations, titles or terminology, adding quotation marks and apostrophes as necessary. Direct students to choose either the American or British style and use it consistently.

Exercise D - Possible answers

1. The title of this article is 'Sun'.
2. The term 'yellow dwarf' is used for stars like the Sun.
3. 'Light, infra-red energy (heat), ultraviolet light and radio waves' come from the Sun.
4. The Sun 'gives off a stream of particles, which reaches the Earth as "solar wind"'.
5. The Sun's age is 'a little over 4.5 billion years'.
6. Is it true that '1.3 million Earths can fit inside the Sun'?