

Apostrophes

As you follow along with the videos, use this handout to complete the activities.

Video 1 Model Sentences

"I stood near the acacia tree growing at the edge of an abandoned lot and watched Raju's back as the dust rising from his shoes covered my white blouse and my beige pinafore. I didn't worry about my clothes."

— *Blue Jasmine* by Kashmiri Sheth

"Of all the sounds a wolf makes, its howl is the most familiar. A wolf howls by pointing its nose to the sky and then giving voice to a single high-pitched sound that rises sharply and then slides down in rippling waves.

"It's easy to see why people might have thought that the wolves were right at their doors when they heard the howling echoing across a shadowy moonlit snowscape."

— *Wolves* by Seymour Simon

Video 1 Activity

In the space below, write a sentence that uses one or more of the words in the following chart. Remember to substitute the two words for a contraction if you aren't sure which form to use. You can look back at the wall chart if you need a reminder.

it's	its
you're	your
they're	their

Video 2 Model Sentences

“She embarrassed me and everybody else one day by announcing her homeroom students’ Intelligence Quotient Test results.”

— *The Pigman & Me* by Paul Zindel

“Lewis’s greatest strength as a naturalist lay in his careful observation of animals and plants.”

— *Plants on the Trail With Lewis and Clark* by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

“In little more than a quarter of a century after Beebe and Baron’s dive, a bathyscaph named Trieste descended ten times farther—to the deepest area in the ocean.”

— *The Ocean Realm* by the National Geographic Society

“My heart’s beating awfully fast as I unzip the bag and give the first book to Grandma. It’s called *Popcorn*. I squeeze Grandma’s hand and she stands and begins to read.”

— *The Wednesday Surprise* by Eve Bunting

Video 2 Activity

Use the space below to create your own sentence by filling in the blank. Include two words with apostrophes—at least one possessive noun and another contraction.

My heart’s beating awfully fast as I _____.