**Apostrophes – how to use them**

The apostrophe is like a comma, but higher up, like this ‘

**TASK:** circle the commas and apostrophe in the line above.

The apostrophe is used for two things

1: For missing letters

2: To show possession (this is when somebody owns something)

1: Missing letters (contractions). **TASK:** Fill in the blanks.

do not = don’t

can not = ________

would not = ________

is not = ________

**TASK:** Write the full versions of these contractions

He’s gone out of the house ______________________________

It’s too easy ______________________________

2: Singular Possession (the apostrophe goes before the s)

Oliver’s bike was in the garden

Joanna’s toy dog was in the car.

Dad’s computer was left switched on all night.

**TASK:** For each line above, circle the person who owns the bike, dog or computer. This is called singular possession, because a single person is involved.

**TASK:** Write a sentence below using BOTH types of apostrophes mentioned above:

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