

Focus: Punctuation

Game: “Athletic Apostrophes”

Suggested Outcomes:

EN2-9B- uses effective and accurate sentence structure, grammatical features, punctuation conventions and vocabulary relevant to the type of text when responding to and composing texts

- Use apostrophes for contractions

Resources

- Hand-out per pair
- Pen per pair

Instructions

- Students are grouped into pairs and are to spread out into a safe space (see diagram below).
- Students are to read the phrase on their hand-out and write the phrase as a contraction in the contraction column (see below).
- Students are to break down the contraction into letters. For example, ‘you’re’ has 3 letters, 1 apostrophe followed by 2 letters. This should be broken down in the columns on the hand-out.
- Students must perform star jumps for the letters before the apostrophe, a squat for the apostrophe followed by mountain climbers for letters after the apostrophe.
- For example, using the word ‘you’re’ students should perform 3 star jumps, 1 squat and 2 mountain climbers.
- This activity should be repeated for each phrase on the hand-out.

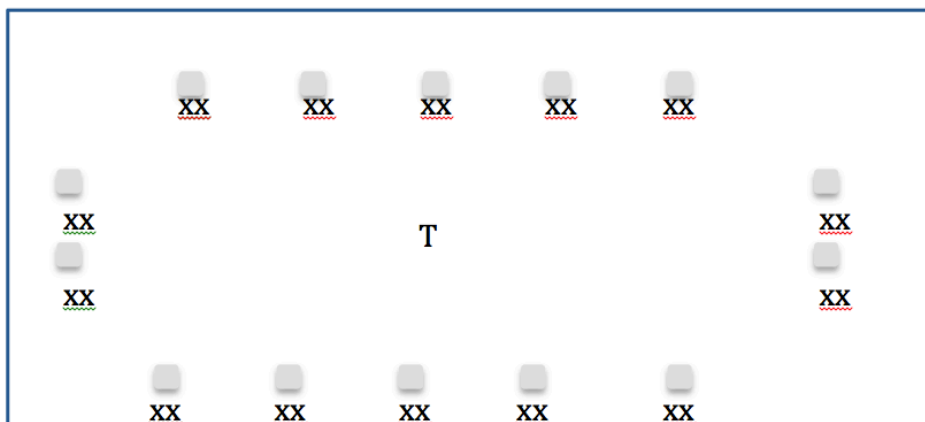
Extension

- Students can extend on this activity by writing the conjunction in a sentence.

Athletic Apostrophes

Phrase	Contraction	Before	Apostrophe	After
I am	I'm	Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
you are		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
we are		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
they are		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
he is		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
she is		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
you will		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
are not		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
will not		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=
is not		Star jumps=	Squat=	Mountain climbers=

Diagram



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Hand-out	