



Rules for Using the Apostrophe

*The apostrophe has 2 uses:
One is to show possession/ownership and
the other is to show omission of letters or
words.*

An apostrophe shows ownership:

Hiccup's dragon was extremely small.
Gobber stood next to the boys' baskets.
They entered the dragons' cave.
The dragon's eyes slowly opened.

Sometimes a name ending with an s is given an apostrophe instead of an additional s. Sometimes it has both an s and an apostrophe.

E.g. Fishlegs' dragon was called Horrorcow.
Or Fishlegs's dragon was called Horrorcow.

Remember - Add an apostrophe to the end of plural nouns that end in s:

E.g. The boys' dragons were asleep.
The dragons' cave.

An apostrophe is used in contractions when a word or letter(s) is missing:

Don't go outside. (Do not)
Toothless can't be trained. (Can not)

Task 1

Rewrite these sentences and add in the appropriate apostrophes to show omission.

1. Hiccup's dragon didnt like listening to his owner.
2. Fishlegs couldnt get a dragon in time.
3. Horrorcow, Fishlegs' dragon, wouldnt eat meat.
4. "Itll soon be time to catch a dragon," sighed Hiccup, worried about the trip to the cave.
5. "Ill get a Monstrous Nightmare," sneered Snotlout.

Task 2

Now, rewrite these sentences and add an apostrophe to show possession?

1. Hiccups dragon was called Toothless.
2. The dragons favourite food was haddock.
3. The caves entrance was dark and cold.
4. The boys looked for Gobbers book in the library.
5. Snotlouts friend was Dogsbreath and he also hated Hiccup.