## **Apostrophes for Omission/Contraction**

Use the sentences below. Highlight the words that you can contract. Rewrite the sentences, using contractions.

- 1. She will not colour in any more dragons until you keep in the lines!
- 2. I could have coloured in the sun using orange.
- 3. It has been an extremely tiring task.
- 4. I do not understand why I am not used more.
- 5. Beige will not come out of the crayon box.
- 6. Let us begin by complaining about your use of us.
- 7. They are too angry to colour in any more.



## **Apostrophes for Possession**

Look at the red sentences below. Notice how the first one has been rewritten to use an apostrophe to show possession.

The crayons belonged to Duncan. They were Duncan's crayons.

- A. Read each of the sentences below and rewrite so that an apostrophe is used for possession.
- 1. The wrapper from the crayon had been pulled off.
- 2. The drawing by the boy was given a gold star.
- 3. The pink crayon was used by the sister of Duncan.
- 4. The colour of the sun is yellow.
- B. Which sentence has been punctuated correctly?
- 1. The car's wheels turned. **OR** The cars wheel's turned.
- 2. Jill's felt tips ran out. **OR** Jill's felt tip's ran out.
- 3. The crayon's weren't happy. **OR** The crayons weren't happy.

Explain to a partner your choices.

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