

## Apostrophe Use Readers Theatre Script

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- 20-24 [sound effect – jungle song]
- All [gesture drum, drum...se – boom, boom]
- 1 Today we're on location in the jungles of Punctuation.
- 2 In search [gesture – look left right] of three species of rules for apostrophes
- All [se – George, George of the jungle— watch for apostrophes]
- 3 Hi, I am Professor Punctuation. Come join me on our sometimes difficult and confusing journey.
- 4 Look Professor! Isn't that an apostrophe hiding in that tree!
- 5 Righto...When it flies around in front of an S, it changes the meaning of the word.
- 6 Oh I see, Professor, that nest belongs to the toucan.
- All The **toucan's nest!**
- 7 One owner---apostrophe S [gesture – make an apostrophe – s]
- All Singular possessive!
- 8 Oh look! More birds are arriving [se – bird sound]
- 9 Look at them cramming themselves onto that tiny nest!
- 10 Now it's the **birds' nest.**
- 1-10 More than one owner!
- 11-20 S apostrophe! [gesture make s – then apostrophe]
- All Plural possessive!
- 20-24 [se-monkey sound and scratching gesture]
- 11 Let's travel farther into Punctuation Jungle to find more apostrophe species.
- 12 Wow! I just saw a monkey!
- 13 The monkey's holding a banana.
- 14 Did you say, the monkey **is** holding a banana?
- 15 No, he said the monkey's holding the banana.
- 16 It's a contraction for the words **monkey is.**
- 17 It's as if the letters went on safari.
- 18 I get it. The apostrophe takes the place of missing letters!
- 19 Look down professor. Is that a snake?
- 20 I think it's an apostrophe on the ground.
- 21 No. That's a comma.
- 22 You'll have to tune into next week's episode....
- 23-24 Where we release a wild comma into an urban school environment.
- 20-24 [se – jungle song]
- All [gesture – drum, drum ... se – boom, boom]