

Comma vs. Apostrophe: Two Small Marks, Two Different Jobs.

The **Comma (,)** and the **Apostrophe (')** look alike, but understanding their separate roles makes confusion disappear.

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Where They Sit & What They Do

THE COMMA (,)
'SITS LOW, CURLS
BELOW THE LINE'

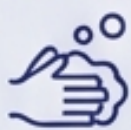
THE APOSTROPHE (')
'FLOATS HIGH, NEAR THE
TOPS OF LETTERS'



They share a shape — the difference is position and purpose.

THE COMMA (,)

Job: **ORGANIZER**
Works **INSIDE A SENTENCE**.
Separates ideas, items,
and pauses.



Before we eat,
let's wash our hands.

Keeps ideas neatly apart.

THE APOSTROPHE (')

Job: **OWNER & SHORTENER**
Works **INSIDE A WORD**.
Shows ownership or
squeezes words.



Maya's book
• do not → **don't**

Ownership, shortened word.

See Both Marks at Work

One comma organizing

Three apostrophes inside words

It's Sam's birthday, so don't forget the cake.

Each mark stays in its own lane.



A COMMA ORGANIZES A SENTENCE.
AN APOSTROPHE CHANGES A WORD.

Ownership or contraction. If you can name the job, you can pick mark.

