

## Key Quotations:

“Real life's nasty. It's cruel. It doesn't care about heroes and happy endings and the way things should be. In real life, bad things happen.” (Darren Shan—Cirque Du Freak)

“It was time to forget the past and look to the present and future.” (Darren Shan—Cirque Du Freak)

“The thing about real life is, when you do something stupid, it normally costs you.” (Darren Shan—Cirque Du Freak)

## Punctuation: apostrophes for omission

An apostrophe can be used in **two** ways.

The first way is to replace missing (omitted) letters. You will revise the second way next term.

For example:

I am → I'm

Can not → Can't

I have → I've

Could have → Could've

Should have → Should've

## Synonyms: 'say'

**Scold:** to say something as if you are telling someone off  
*'Why have you left the door open?' he scolded.*

**Exclaim:** to cry out in surprise, strong emotion, or pain  
*'I can't believe you're here!' the girl exclaimed.*

**Insist:** to say something forcefully  
*'No, you must hand your homework in on time,' the teacher insisted.*

**Bellow:** to say something in a deep, loud roar  
*Dad bellowed down the garden, 'Dinner's ready!'*

**Mutter:** to say something in a low, unclear voice  
*'I don't know,' she muttered under her breath.*

## Ambitious Vocabulary

**Belligerent:** hostile and aggressive  
*The **belligerent** boy kept answering back to his teacher.*

**Industrious:** hard-working  
*The **industrious** students revised for their tests.*

**Endeavour:** try  
*I will **endeavour** to complete my homework before tea.*

**Retaliate:** attack someone in return  
*If someone calls you names, you shouldn't **retaliate**.*

**Reconcile:** to make up with  
*The two girls **reconciled** after their argument.*