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Apostrophe & Contractions

Apostrophe

- when we want to show that something is owned by someone or belongs to someone, we use 's.
- apostrophes are usually not used with non living things.

Examples

1. Leesa's room is always clean.
2. My brother's t-shirt is wet.
3. The parrot's beak is red in colour.
4. Today is Anu's birthday.
5. It is Madhu's book.

Examples

6. Gopu is my brother's friend.

7. This is Ben's toy.

8. These are Geetha's painting.

9. This is Vicky's bag.

10. Veera's dresses were dirty.

Apostrophe

– when we join two words, we use ‘s called **contractions**.
(contractions is a short end form of a word that omits certain letters or sounds)

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Examples

I am	I'm
you are	you're
he is	he's
she is	she's
do not	don't
did not	didn't
does not	doesn't
is not	isn't
are not	aren't
can not	can't
will not	won't

was not	wasn't
could not	couldn't
should not	shouldn't
it will	it'll
she will	she'll
he will	he'll
you will	you'll
I have	I've
we have	we've
they have	they've
let us	let's

Apostrophe

– when we want to show that something is owned by someone or belongs to someone, we use 's. But never for possessives such as **Its**, **yours**, **theirs**, **hers**, **ours**

Examples

1. The book is **yours**.

2. The dog is **hers**.

3. The car is **theirs**.

4. **Its** bone is hard.

5. The farm is **ours**.



Apostrophe

– use (‘) after ‘s’ if a plural noun ends with ‘s’

Examples

1. The apples’ seeds are very tiny.
2. The tables’ legs were all broken.
3. Umbrellas’ handles are sometimes tight.



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Apostrophe

- use (‘) + ‘s’ if a plural nouns don’t end with ‘s’

Examples

1. My children's toys are expensive.
2. It is men's wardrobe.
3. The spokesmen's idea is better.

Add apostrophe in the correct place

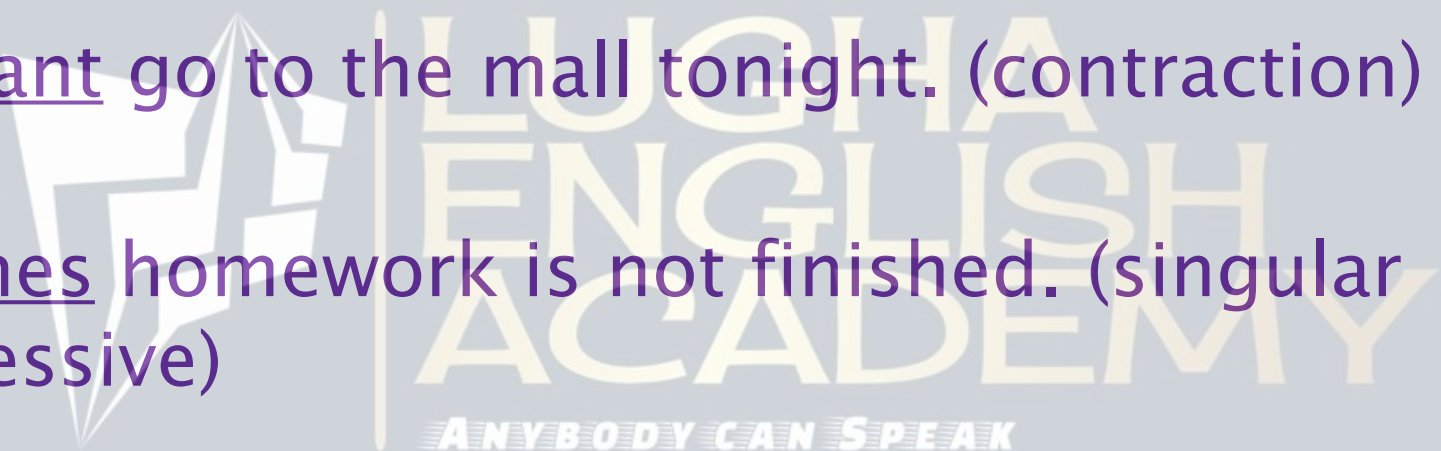
1. Jane doesnt want to do homework.
(contraction)

2. I cant go to the mall tonight. (contraction)

3. Janes homework is not finished. (singular possessive)

4. The students uniforms are white. (plural possessive)

5. Preethis mom told her to do her homework.
(singular possessive)



Add apostrophe in the correct place

6. The schools gym was filled.

7. All the schools team competed with each other.

8. The boys hats are red and white.

9. Madhus favourite class is English.

10. There are ten girls in the team.

Singular and plural possessive nouns (Plural ends with 's')

Singular	Singular Possessive	Plural	Plural Possessive
girl	girl's	girls	girls'
calf	calf's	calves	calves'
pony	pony's	ponies	ponies'
tree	tree's	trees	trees'
boy	boy's	boys	boys'
toy	toy's	toys	toys'
box	box's	boxes	boxes'
table	table's	tables	tables'

Singular and plural possessive nouns (Plural ends with 's')

Singular	Singular Possessive	Plural	Plural Possessive
house	house's	houses	houses'
apple	apple's	apples	apples'
dog	dog's	dogs	dogs'
cat	cat's	cats	cats'
baby	baby's	babies	babies'
bird	bird's	birds	birds'
knife	knife's	knives	knives'
wolf	wolf's	wolves	wolves'

Singular and plural possessive nouns (Plural ends with 's')

Singular	Singular Possessive	Plural	Plural Possessive
leaf	leaf's	leaves	leaves'
life	life's	lives	lives'
loaf	loaf's	loaves	loaves'
student	student's	students	students'
teacher	teacher's	teachers	teachers'
candy	candy's	candies	candies'
horse	horse's	horses	horses'
witch	witch's	witches	witches'

Singular and plural possessive nouns (Plural that doesn't ends with 's')

Singular	Singular Possessive	Plural	Plural Possessive
child	child's	children	children's
woman	woman's	women	women's
ox	ox's	oxen	oxen's
man	man's	men	men's
goose	goose's	geese	geese's
fungus	fungus's	fungi	fungi's
cactus	cactus's	cacti	cacti's
person	person's	people	people's

Singular and plural possessive nouns (Plural that doesn't ends with 's')

Singular	Singular Possessive	Plural	Plural Possessive
mouse	mouse's	mice	mice's
louse	louse's	lice	lice's
foot	foot's	feet	feet's
tooth	tooth's	teeth	teeth's

Exercise : Apostrophes

1. Whos the partys candidate for vice president this year?
2. The fox had its right foreleg caught securely in the traps jaws.
3. Our neighbors car is an old Chrysler, and I told him the other day that its just about to fall apart.
4. In three weeks time well have to begin school again.
5. Didnt you hear that theyre leaving tomorrow?
6. Whenever I think of the stories I read as a child, I remember Cinderellas glass slipper and Snow Whites wicked stepmother.
7. We claimed the picnic table was ours, but the Jones children looked so disappointed that we found another spot.

Exercise : Apostrophes

11. Didnt he say when he would arrive at Arnies house?
12. Its such a beautiful day that Ive decided to take a sun bath.
13. She said the watch Jack found was hers, but she couldnt identify the manufacturers name on it.
14. Little girls clothing is on the first floor, and the mens department is on the second.
15. The dogs bark was far worse than its bite.
16. The moons rays shone feebly on the path, and I heard a lone crickets chirpings and whistlings.
17. Theyre not afraid to go ahead with the plans, though the choice is not theirs.
18. The man whose face was tan said that he had spent his two weeks vacation

Add apostrophes to show possession(SINGULAR NOUNS).

1. I put Dannys boots in the closet.
2. Joes car is parked behind the school.
3. Where will I find Julias keys?
4. Todays weather is perfect for a picnic.
5. We will review our homework during tomorrows lesson.
6. The boys bicycle was stolen.
7. My friends notebook was filled with doodling.
8. Dads recliner needs to be upholstered.

Add apostrophes to show possession.(PLURAL NOUNS)

- 1.The kids piano lessons are on Mondays.
- 2.The teachers desk is full of papers.
- 3.The students chairs were piled against the wall.
3. The Smiths motorhome is for sale.
4. The girls cake was delicious.
5. The birds nest is in the tree.
6. His socks were wet.
7. We will put the boys TV in their room.

Apostrophe: Exercises (SINGULAR NOUN)

- 1. We went to Johns party.**
- 2. The dogs bowl is empty.**
- 3. Sallys ball is round.**
- 4. See the teachers report.**
- 5. Stack the chairs right.**
- 6. They didn't like Jennys new cat.**
- 7. Riyas house was the biggest on the street.**
- 8. Pattys car broke down on the highway.**
- 9. The dogs puppies were the cutest animals.**

Apostrophe: Exercises (Plural nouns)

- 1. You need your parents permission.**
- 2. The childrens clothes are new.**
- 3. Are my friends house big?**
- 4. The students report cards are ready.**
- 5. Girls dance classes have been postponed.**