

Apostrophes

Apostrophes are used in contractions to show that letters have been left out. Apostrophes are also used to show possession.

Contractions

wouldn't	would not
can't	cannot
we'll	we will
doesn't	does not
it's	it is or it has
I'd	I had
I'm	I am

Possession

An apostrophe is used to show ownership. It goes after the owner's name and before the s.

The boy's book is over there.

The girl's computer doesn't work.

The horse's mane was wet.

The men's toilet is over there.

Plurals

If there is more than one owner and the word ends in s the apostrophe still goes after the name but no s is added.

The boys' team is playing the girls' team tomorrow.

REMEMBER

You don't use apostrophes in these personal pronouns —
its hers his ours yours

Its and it's

Its claws were very long. personal pronoun

It's over there. Shortened form of 'it is over there'.

It's been a long time. Shortened form of 'it has been a long time'.

1. Where would the apostrophes be placed in these sentences?

- His uncles car was beside my neighbours house.
- The monkeys antics were the zoos main attraction.
- Many cars headlights shone brightly on the mans statue.
- The fishermans haul was brought in on my friends boat.
- Womens jobs are as important as mens jobs.

2. Rewrite the following and finish each sentence.

The first one has been done for you.

- The crops of the farmers
The farmers' crops were ruined.
- The dress of the girl
- The marbles of the boys
- The coats of the ladies
- The gowns of the princesses
- The slippers of my father
- The horse of my neighbour
- The coat of the lady
- The car of my uncle

Homework

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