

Using Apostrophes

don't

can't

men's

Jane's

haven't

Possession

Showing who owns what

An apostrophe goes after the owner's name to show something belongs to them.

This is Jane's cat.



I belong to Jane.

**He went to get the
boy's coat.**



**The coat belonged
to the boy.**

**Tom's wife was
waiting for him.**



**The wife is married
(or belongs to) Tom.**

Contractions

Showing missing letters

You can also use an apostrophe when you want to leave out one or more letters.

she has ... she's

you are ... you're

I am ... I'm

we have ... we've

I would ... I'd

it is ... it's

who is ... who's

There are some unusual contraction:

shall not ... shan't

will not ... won't

Don't confuse *it's* and *its*...

it's ... *it is*

it's ... *it has*

its pronoun

It's time we all went to bed.

It is time we all went to bed.

It's been a long day.

It has been a long day.

The cat wants **its** supper.

The cat wants **it is** supper.



**This doesn't make sense
so it is NOT a contraction.**

Can you put the apostrophes in the right places?

**Shes got her
mothers good
looks, hasnt she?**

**She's got her mother's
good looks, hasn't she?**

Can you put the apostrophes in the right places?

**Its the princes
birthday today,
isnt it?**

**It's the prince's
birthday today, isn't it?**

Now it's your turn...