



## Apostrophes

Use an **apostrophe** (') in a contraction to show that letters have been left out. A **contraction** is a shortened form of two words, usually a pronoun and a verb.

Add an **apostrophe** and **s** to form the **possessive** of singular nouns. **Plural possessives** are formed two ways. If the noun ends in **s**, simply add an apostrophe at the end of the word. If the noun does not end in **s**, add an apostrophe and **s**.

### Examples:

**Contraction:** He **can't** button his sleeves.

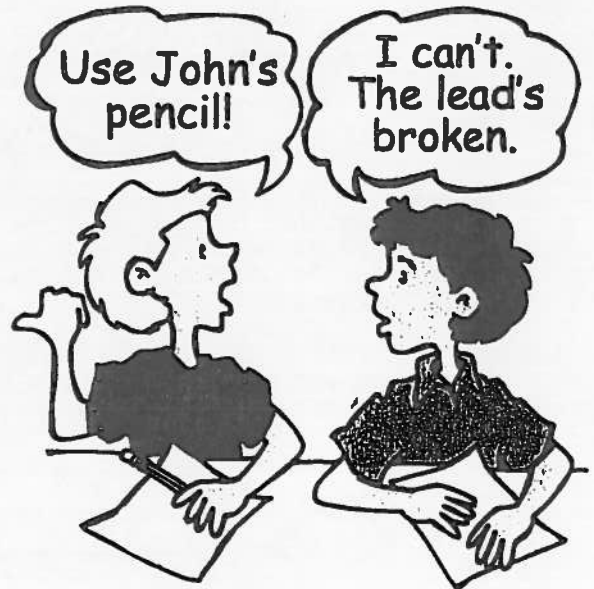
**Singular possessive:** The **boy's** sleeves are too short.

**Plural noun ending in s:** The **ladies'** voices were pleasant.

**Plural noun not ending in s:** The **children's** song was long.

**Directions:** Use apostrophes to punctuate the sentences correctly. The first one has been done for you.

1. I can't understand that child's game.
2. The farmers wagons were lined up in a row.
3. She didnt like the chairs covers.
4. Our parents beliefs are often our own.
5. Sandys mothers aunt isnt going to visit.
6. Two ladies from work didnt show up.
7. The citizens group wasnt very happy.
8. The colonists demands werent unreasonable.
9. The mothers babies cried at the same time.
10. Our parents generation enjoys music.



**Directions:** Write two sentences of your own that include apostrophes.

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_



## Singular Possessives

**Directions:** Write the singular possessive form of each word. Then, add a noun to show possession. The first one has been done for you.

1. spider spider's web

2. clock \_\_\_\_\_

3. car \_\_\_\_\_

4. book \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mom \_\_\_\_\_

6. boat \_\_\_\_\_

7. table \_\_\_\_\_

8. baby \_\_\_\_\_

9. woman \_\_\_\_\_

10. writer \_\_\_\_\_

11. mouse \_\_\_\_\_

12. fan \_\_\_\_\_

13. lamp \_\_\_\_\_

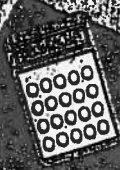
14. dog \_\_\_\_\_

15. boy \_\_\_\_\_

16. house \_\_\_\_\_



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## Plural Possessives

**Directions:** Write the plural possessive form of each word. Then add a noun to show possession. The first one has been done for you.

1. kid      kids' skates
2. man      \_\_\_\_\_
3. aunt      \_\_\_\_\_
4. lion      \_\_\_\_\_
5. giraffe      \_\_\_\_\_
6. necklace      \_\_\_\_\_
7. mouse      \_\_\_\_\_
8. team      \_\_\_\_\_
9. clown      \_\_\_\_\_
10. desk      \_\_\_\_\_
11. woman      \_\_\_\_\_
12. worker      \_\_\_\_\_



**Directions:** Write three sentences of your own that include plural possessives.

13. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_  
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