

Apostrophe (Possession & Contraction)

Apostrophes indicating possession are used to create possessive nouns, which show 'ownership' or 'possession' of something.

We use apostrophes to indicate possession by adding either the apostrophe + 's' ('s) or just an apostrophe to the end of the noun showing possession.

A contraction is a shortened form of a word (or group of words) that omits certain letters or sounds. In a contraction, an apostrophe represents missing letters.

e.g.: He would = He'd. I have = I've. They are = they're.

You cannot = You can't.

❖ Apostrophes are also used with possessive nouns.

1. Singular nouns are followed by an apostrophe before the noun. ('s)

Chris's poem

Boy's room

Director's desk

2. Plural nouns that end in 's' are followed by an apostrophe after the nouns. (s')

Girls' shoes

Birds' wings

Dancers' rooms

A. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate contraction.

1. The coach told Sarah that she would have (.....) to come earlier to training.
2. "We will (.....) have to follow the map," said dad.
3. He was sunburnt because he had (.....) been at the beach all day.

4. It is (.....) the beginning of our journey.
5. Mary and Clark will not (.....) be able to make it to the show.
6. Let us (.....) begin the lesson now.
7. That is (.....) the correct answer to the problem.

B. Write singular nouns followed by ('s)

1. Paintings by Monet -
2. Anna and Eric jointly own the dog -
3. The award belonging to the actor -
4. Mona owns the dress –

C. Remove the apostrophe and turn to the complete words.

A	B
1. Shouldn't	a. You would
2. Must've	b. What is
3. What's	c. I had
4. I'd	d. Should not
5. You'd	e. Must have

Ans: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 -