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# Apostrophes with Contractions and Possessives

## Apostrophes with Contractions

You use an **apostrophe** (') to replace the dropped letters in a contraction.

did + not = **didn't**    I + have = **I've**    she + will = **she'll**

I **didn't** bring my guitar, but **I've** got a harmonica.

Be sure that you put the apostrophe in the exact place where the dropped letters would go.

*Incorrect:* **does'nt**    *Correct:* **doesn't**

## Apostrophes with Possessives

You also use an apostrophe with **-s** (s') to create the **possessive** form of a noun.

**Brianna's**    **panther's**    **radio's**

To form the possessive of a plural noun that ends in **-s**, put the apostrophe at the end of the word.

**singers'**    **friends'**    **houses'**

To form the possessive of a plural noun that does not end in **-s**, add **-s** to the word.

**women's**    **mice's**    **cattle's**

To form the possessive of a name that ends in **-s**, add **-s**.

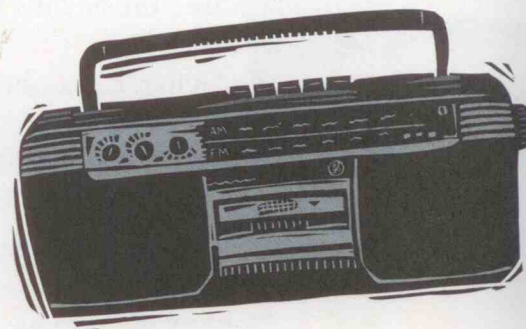
**Luis's**    **James's**

Do not use an apostrophe in possessive pronouns.

**its**    **hers**    **ours**

The **radio's** batteries were low, so the **singers'** voices sounded terrible.

The **women's** chorus sang at **Luis's** school during **its** talent show.



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**1 Show What You Know****Underline the words with apostrophes in the sentences below.****Write C over the contractions and P over the possessives.**

It was ten minutes past eight, but the concert hadn't started yet. Kyra's friends were sitting with her. They were very excited. Their seats weren't very far from the stage.

"I have this band's latest album," said Kyra. "We'll listen to it on the way home if you want."

"Ellen's brother has it, too," said her friend Daniella. "He won't let her borrow it, though."

The auditorium's lights dimmed. "It's starting!" Kyra said. "We're going to enjoy this so much!"

**Proofreading Power!**


**There are seven mistakes in this newspaper article. Correct them, using proofreader's marks.**

Last nights concert was a big hit! Three bands played, one after the other. When the first band came onto the stage, there were'nt many people there. But by the time they finished, at least two hundred music fans had shown up. When the third band started playing, the auditorium was filled to capacity. Even though it was crowded, the fans's attitudes were good.


"Were here because we love good music!" one fan shouted.


"And its great to hear it in person!" her friend added.


If your'e seeking good music, come to next months concert!


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
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