

Apostrophes

Apostrophe for Possessives:

Amy's ballet class.
The parents' bedroom.
The children's rooms.

Apostrophe for Contractions:

they + have = they've
are + not = aren't
they + will = they'll



Possession and contraction

Possession

Rule 1

Use an apostrophe + S ('s) to show that one person/thing owns or is a member of something.

- Amy's ballet class, Lisa's car, Robert's car, Ross's room, Ross's sports teams

Rule 2

Use an apostrophe after the "s" at the end of a plural noun to show possession.

- The parents' bedroom, the Joneses' lives
- It is not necessary to add another "s" to the end of a plural noun.

Rule 3

If a plural noun doesn't end in "s," add an "'s" to create the possessive form.

- *The children's rooms*

Contractions

When you combine two words to make a contraction, you will always take out some letters. In their place, use an apostrophe.

- they + have = they've; are + not = aren't; they + will = they'll

A contraction combines two words and uses an apostrophe to replace one or more letters. I + am = I'm

am	is
I'm	he's she's it's here's what's who's there's one's
us	would, had
let's	she'd you'd he'd I'd it'd we'd they'd
are	have
we're they're you're	I've you've we've they've could've would've should've who've might've there've
will	not
I'll you'll he'll she'll we'll it'll that'll they'll	can't didn't wasn't won't shouldn't don't wouldn't isn't doesn't hasn't haven't hadn't weren't mustn't couldn't aren't



Let's try some!

Possession or contraction?

Extension: Can you name the two words which make the contraction or the type of possession?

The dog's leash is blue.

The children's toys are all over
the floor.

They've agreed to the rule.

The **writers'** desks are all full
of paper work.

She **would've** eaten her
vegetables, if they **weren't**
green.

Dickens' vacation was full of
fun and laughter.