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Apostrophes



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Hello

What are apostrophes?

An apostrophe is a punctuation mark (‘) that is used to indicate either possession (Sam’s car; girls’ hats) or the omission of letters or numbers (won’t; she’s)

Is it it’s or its? Learn the basics about apostrophes here!

Possessions..

Use an apostrophe to show that a thing or person belongs to someone or something.

For Example:

- Instead of saying ‘the storm of yesterday’, we can write ‘yesterday’s storm’.
- The fire fighters' code
- The women's hat

Contractions..

An apostrophe can be used to show that letters or numbers have been omitted. These are also known as **contractions**.

For example:

- you're - short for you are
- she'll - short for she will
- it's cold - short for it is cold

Skill Tips -

Don't use an apostrophe just because your word ends "s." **Stick the rules!**

We do not need an apostrophe with the possessive pronouns: his, hers, ours, yours, theirs (meaning 'belonging to him, her, us, you, or them').

Contractions are considered informal, and should not be used in official business documents, theses, formal letters. However, you should use contractions in fiction



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