

Apostrophes for Possession and Contractions

Name: _____

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Remember: Apostrophes show possession (ownership) or form contractions (shortened words).

Part A: Contractions

Rewrite these word pairs as contractions using apostrophes.

1. do not = _____
2. she is = _____
3. they have = _____
4. would not = _____
5. it is = _____
6. we are = _____

Part B: Possessive Apostrophes

Add apostrophes to show possession.

1. The dogs collar was blue.

2. James book is on the desk.

3. The childrens playground was busy.

4. The teachers lounge is upstairs.

5. Both girls bags were left behind.

Part C: Its vs It's

Circle the correct word in each sentence.

1. The cat licked (its / it's) paws after dinner.
2. I think (its / it's) going to rain today.
3. The bird built (its / it's) nest in the tree.
4. (Its / It's) been a long day at school.
5. The company changed (its / it's) logo last year.

Part D: Mixed Practice

Rewrite these sentences with apostrophes in the correct places.

1. The boys bikes were parked outside the students entrance.

2. Theyre not sure if its going to work properly.

3. My sisters friends car wouldnt start this morning.

4. The mens team hasnt won a match in three weeks.

Part E: Your Own Sentences

Write two sentences: one using a contraction and one using a possessive apostrophe.

1. _____

2. _____