

BEST ENGLISH HACKS - APOSTROPHES



Arbetsblad

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THAT'S A CONTRACTION.



<p>Possession</p> <p>When you want to explain who owns something.</p> <p>possession = ägande</p>	<p>Contraction</p> <p>When you want to say one word instead of two.</p> <p>contraction = sammandragning</p>
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Possessive 's

How do you use the possessive 's in these sentences? Put in the name(s) and a possessive 's in the gaps.

1. John owns a car – it is ... car
2. Juliet loves Romeo – Romeo is ... boyfriend.
3. Mark and Spencer have a shop together – it is called ... shop
4. The parents of Anders own a dog – it's ... dog
5. Zoë has a new mobile – it's ... new mobile
6. The father of Max has a blue bike – it's ... blue bike
7. Mum and Dad go on holiday together – it's ... and ... holiday

Right or wrong?

Correct the sentences that don't use the possessive 's in the correct way. Skip the ones that already are correct.

- a) Max' teacher is really mean.
- b) Michelle lost both Adam and John's pencils today.
- c) Granny and Granpa's car is brand new and shiny.
- d) Peters mother's house is on fire.
- e) Ernest's dog is called Lucky.
- f) Santas reindeer's are so cute!

Which apostrophe?

Is that a possessive or contractive apostrophe? Put the words from the blue box in the correct categories.

Possessive	Contraction
that's – Simon's cat – I'll – can't – Lucy and James' home – you're – Mr Bond's job – he's – doesn't	

Contracted forms

Write the contracted forms of these words. Then use the contracted forms and put them in a sentence.

- I am –
- can not –
- does not –
- he will –
- I have –
- I have not –
- that is
- we are -

Find out

Jamaine didn't explain why "will not" is contracted to "won't". Can you find the explanation if you search online?

Key

Possessive 's

1. John owns a car – it is **John's** car
2. Juliet loves Romeo – Romeo is **Juliet's** boyfriend.
3. Mark and Spencer have a shop together – it is called **Mark and Spencer's** shop
4. The parents of Anders own a dog – it's **Anders' parents'** dog
5. Zoë has a new mobile – it's **Zoë's** new mobile
6. The father of Max has a blue bike – it's **Max' father's** blue bike
7. Mum and Dad go on holiday together – it's **Mum** and **Dad's** holiday

Right or wrong?

- a) correct
- b) Michelle lost both **Adam's** and John's pencils today.
- c) correct
- d) **Peter's** mother's house is on fire.
- e) correct
- f) **Santa's reindeers** are so cute!

Which apostrophe?

- Possessive: Simon's cat, Lucy and James' home, Mr Bond's job
- Contraction: that's, I'll, can't, you're, he's, doesn't

Write the contracted forms of these words.

- I am – **I'm**
- can not – **can't (or cannot)**
- do not – **don't**
- he will – **he'll**
- I have – **I've**
- I have not – **I've not / I haven't**
- that is – **that's**
- we are – **we're**

Find out

In the 16th century there was a word called *wonnot*. That was a version for *woll not* or *wollnot*. These words meant “will not”. Today only the contracted form *won't* has survived. The other words have fallen out of the dictionary.

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