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Apostrophes

Focus

Apostrophes are used to show **possession**.

- For most singular nouns, add 's.
- For plural nouns that end with s, add an apostrophe.
- For singular proper nouns that end in s, always add 's.
- cat's ears, boss's necktie
- flowers' petals, troops' uniforms
- the Harris's backyard, Chris's haircut

A *contraction* is formed by combining two words and omitting one or more letters. An apostrophe replaces the missing letters.

do not, don't

we will, we'll

you have, you've

Practice

**In Column 1, write two words that form each contraction.
In Column 2, rewrite each possessive so that it is correct.**

1. they're _____
2. you've _____
3. she'd _____
4. couldn't _____
5. we'll _____

6. Charleses' video game

7. several horses's tails

8. peoples's opinions
