

## Apostrophes

This ' is an apostrophe. One use is to shorten words. E.g. isn't is a contraction of is not.

### Task One

Match the contraction from the list to the words it is made up from.

I will	They're
You have	I'll
We are	You've
You are	She's
She is	We're
They are	You're

### Task Two

Write down the contraction for these words –

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| a. did not   | b. will not | c. could not |
| d. she would | e. it is    | f. I would   |
| g. I have    | h. we have  |              |

### Task Three

Write out these contractions in full –

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| a. aren't | b. she'll | c. couldn't |
| d. you're | e. let's  | f. who's    |

' are also used to show ownership. When a noun is singular, add s after the apostrophe. E.g. The robin's nest. This tells us the nest belongs to the robin.

### Task Four

Write each phrase with an apostrophe to show some kind of ownership.

E.g. The hat of the clown becomes the clown's hat.

- The tail of the dog
- The coat of Harry
- The pouch of the kangaroo
- The summit of Mount Everest
- The bike of my friend

When the noun is plural, add the apostrophe after the s. E.g. The girls' hats. The s shows that there is more than one girl owning the hats.