



# APOSTROPHES



## Contraction Apostrophes (Omission Apostrophes)

- Joining two words together to make one word
  - The words contract (get smaller)
- There is an omission (missing letter or letters)

do not = don't	must not = mustn't	you will = you'll	he is = he's
will not = won't	might not = mightn't	you have = you've	he will = he'll
cannot = can't	I will = I'll	you would = you'd	he would = he'd
should not = shouldn't	I am = I'm	she is = she's	they are = they're
would not = wouldn't	I have = I've	she will = she'll	they will = they'll
could not = couldn't	I would = I'd	she would = she'd	they would = they'd

## Possession Apostrophes

- When somebody or something owns the noun
  - People can have possessions
  - Nouns can have possessions
- Plurals ending in S need the apostrophe at the end of the word e.g.  
the boys' toilets, parents' evening, girls' dorm

<u>People</u>	<u>Nouns</u>	<u>Plural Endings</u>
Freddie's bike	the dog's bark	the boys' toilets
Sarah's jumper	the rainbow's colours	the girls' dorm
Ahmed's book	the car's engine	parents' evening
Alice's football	the flower's smell	teachers' party
Zainab's chair	the team's enthusiasm	the cats' dishes

REMEMBER: Normal plurals DO NOT need an apostrophe:  
pens, tables, cars, wolves, leaves, babies, cities, teeth, sheep etc.

