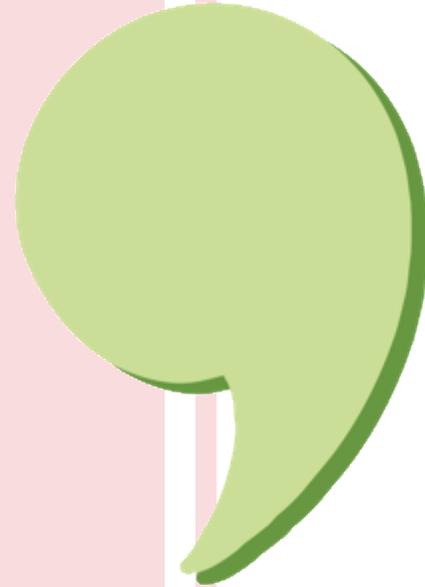


Apostrophes

The apostrophe has 2 functions:

- it shows possession
- it is used in contractions to indicate the place where the letters have been omitted



Contractions

Contractions are used to shorten two words into one word.

An apostrophe replaces a letter (or letters) to make a contraction.

are not → aren~~e~~t → aren't

we will → we~~w~~ill → we'll

Contractions

Contractions are often used in informal texts or a speech.

Some examples include:

Do not becomes ***don't***

I will becomes ***I'll***

They are becomes ***they're***

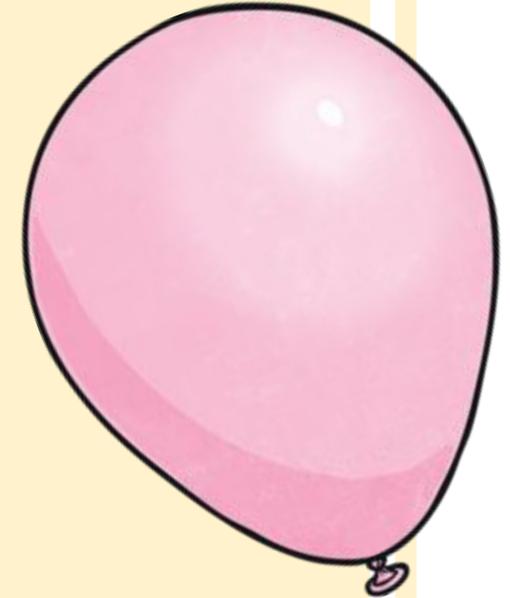
Which Contraction Should Fill the Gap?

Choose the right answer.

_____ going to the party.

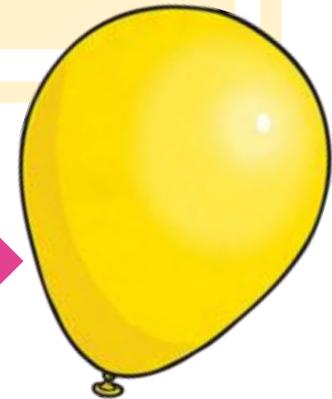
They're

Theyr'e



Correct!

Click to
continue



Which Contraction Should Fill the Gap?

Choose the right answer.

_____ done my homework yet.

Have´nt

Haven´t



Correct!



Possessive Apostrophes with Singular Words

When you want to show that an item belongs to someone:

- An apostrophe is often used after the last letter of the word.
- The apostrophe is then followed by the letter 's'.

For example:

The car belonging to Jack broke down.
Jack's car broke down.



Words Ending in “S”

For words that end in the letter ‘s’:

- Add an apostrophe and another ‘s’

For example:

The phone belonging to James has great games.
James’s phone has great games.



Some words do not need the extra ‘s’ added. You will become more familiar with these words as you see and use them.

Possessive Apostrophes with Plural Words

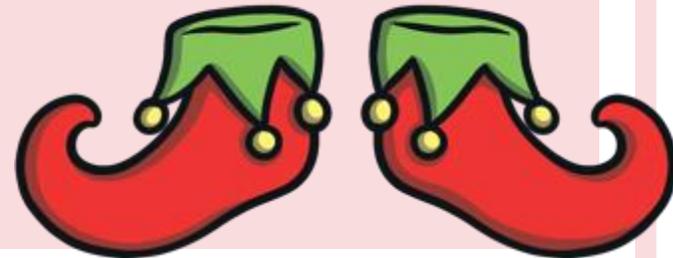
'Plural' is used when we want to talk about more than one item, person or place.

- Some plural words end in the letter 's'. All you need to do is add an apostrophe after the 's'.

For example:

↪ The shoes that belong to the elves.

↪ The elves' shoes



Possessive Apostrophes with Plural Words - Irregular

Sometimes, plural nouns don't always end with an 's'. Some plurals may end in a different letter. Examples of these are:

- Men
- Children
- Sheep

When this happens, add an apostrophe, followed by the letter 's'

For example:

The toys belonging to the children, becomes the children's toys.

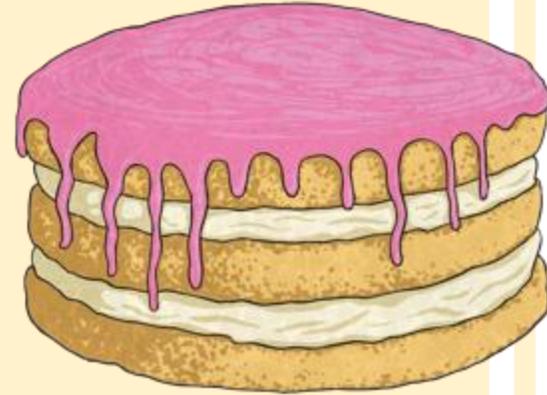
Click the Correct Answer

Aoife's cake burnt in the oven.

Is the highlighted word a:

Contracted noun

Possessive noun



Correct!



Click the Correct Answer

Patrick **didn't** want to play football.

Is the highlighted word a:

Contracted noun

Possessive noun



Correct!



Click the Correct Answer

I **can't** wait to see my friends after school.

Is the highlighted word a:

Contracted noun

Possessive noun



Correct!

Click to
finish!