

Apostrophes

Uses:

To show omission

To show where a letter or letters are missed out of a word (these words are called **contractions**)

can't = can not
she's = she is / she has
he'd = he had / he would
it's = it is

To show possession

To show that something belongs to someone or something

Lou's key
the **dog's** bark
the **women's** walk
the **boys'** game

Remember! To show possession the rule is:

- if the word doesn't end in **s** then add '**s**
 - if the word does end in **s** just add '
 - EXCEPT you can add '**s** to words that end in **s** if you would say the double **s**.
- For example: James'**s** shoes.



Let's practise!

Write the apostrophes correctly in this sentence.

When Janes brothers arrived they werent sure where to find the boys' changing room.



1

Read the question, then read it again. What are you being asked to do?

2

Check if any words are contractions.

3

Look for things that belong. Work out where they need an apostrophe.

4

Write the sentence with all the apostrophes placed correctly.

Put the apostrophes in the correct places.

werent is a contraction of **were not**, so should be written as **weren't**.

The **brothers** belong to **Jane**. **Jane** doesn't end with an **s** so we need to add '**s** to her name. **Jane's**

The **changing room** belongs to the **boys**. **Boys** ends with an **s** so we just add ' and write **boys'**.
When **Jane's** brothers arrived they weren't sure where to find the **boys'** changing room.

TOP TIP

Pronouns don't need apostrophes, so **it's** always means **it is** and **its** shows that something belongs to it.

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