

APOSTROPHE REVIEW

In this exercise you will review the main rules for using the apostrophe. Study the rules and examples; then work the **TRY IT** sections. The answer key is at the back of this packet.

Use an apostrophe to show where a letter or letters have been removed (a contraction).

it is	it's	does not	doesn't
they are	they're	were not	weren't
you are	you're	class of 1987	class of '87
who is	who's	cannot	can't

Examples:

Why didn't you answer the phone?

She hasn't received her paycheck yet.

TRY IT 1

1. Sam isnt coming to the library with us.
2. Dont you want something to eat?
3. Weve been working on this project all month.
4. Its starting to feel like spring.

Some other common uses of apostrophes are:

she would	she'd	could not	couldn't
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will not
he is

won't
he's

we would
I have

we'd
I've

Use an apostrophe to indicate possession by adding ' or 's to the end of the word.

Examples:

All the players' uniforms are blue. (uniforms belonging to all the players)

The player's uniform is blue. (uniform belonging to one player)

A child's ball was kicked in our yard. (ball belonging to the child)

The men's department is on the second floor. (department for men)

Try It 2

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