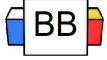




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**Question:** What is your most prized possession?

**Answer:**



**Directions:** Underline any **red or bold words** that appear in the video.

What is an apostrophe?

An apostrophe is a punctuation mark used to form possessives or contractions.

### **Apostrophes and possessive nouns**

The rules about forming possessive nouns probably vary depending on what type of noun you make into a possessive. Here are the rules:

For most singular nouns, add apostrophe+s:

- The clown's balloon
- The king's candy
- The man's eyes

For most plural nouns, add only an apostrophe:

- Example: The cats' food (multiple cats)
- Example: The birds' nest (multiple birds)
- Example: The planets' rings (multiple planets)

For plural nouns that do not end in s, add apostrophe+s:

- Example: The children's toys
- Example: The geese's migration route

Style guides vary in their recommendations of what to do when you have a singular proper noun that ends in s. Some recommend adding only an apostrophe:



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- Example: Sirius' moods are outrageous.
- Example: Marcus' work ethic is outstanding.

Others say to add apostrophe+s:

- Example: Sirius's moods are outrageous.
- Example: Marcus's work ethic is outstanding.

Use whichever style matches the style guide you use for your writing. If you don't have a style guide, it's OK to pick one of the methods, as long as you don't switch back and forth within the same document.

### Contractions

What's a contraction?

A contraction is a shortened form of a word (or group of words) that omits certain letters or sounds. In most contractions, an apostrophe represents the missing letters.

CONTRACTION	UNCONTRACTED	EXAMPLES
-n't	not	isn't (is not), won't (will not)
're	are	you're (you are), they're (they are)
'd	had, would	she'd (she had, would), I'd (I had, would)
'll	will	we'll (we will), you'll (you will)



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's

is

he's (he is), it's (it is)

- They are = they're
- Cannot = can't
- Could not = couldn't
- You will = you'll

**Note:** Contractions are perfectly standard, but they're usually considered to be relatively casual. If you're writing something very formal, you may want to avoid using them



**Directions:** For each given sentence, please add an apostrophe in the proper location.

Example: Id like to leave this circus now because the clowns are scary.

Example: The pterodactyl's wings are massive.

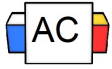
Example: Hes a man on a mission.

Example: The two cats babies were so tiny.

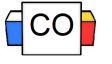
Example: Im worried about Amys coffee addiction.



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**Directions:** Write an original sentence that uses two apostrophes. One apostrophe should indicate a possessive, while the other should indicate a contraction.



**Your Answer: (see above)**

**Extra  
Notes**