

Apostrophes

Grammar Mania Monday

Apostrophes in Possessives

- Use an apostrophe to form the possessive of any noun, whether singular or plural.
 - For **singular** nouns, add 's even if the word ends in s.
 - Sam's baseball
 - Francis's cap
 - For **plural** nouns that end in s, add only an apostrophe.
 - The spectators' cheers
 - The players' uniforms
 - For **plural** nouns that do **not** end in s, add 's.
 - Women's team
 - Family's plan

Apostrophes in Contractions

- In a contraction, words are joined and letters are left out.
- An apostrophe replaces the letter or letters that are missing.
 - I am → I'm
 - She is → she's
 - Cannot → can't
 - They have → they've
 - You will → you'll
 - Was not → wasn't

Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns **never** use an apostrophe.

Contractions **always** use an apostrophe.

Its	It's ← It is
Your	You're ← You are
Their	They're ← They are
Whose	Who's ← Who is

Apostrophes in Plurals

- Use an 's to form the plural of a **letter**, a **numeral**, or a **word** referred to as a word.
 - Your *i's* look like *e's*.
 - How many *6's* are in her uniform number?
 - The sportscaster's report was filled with *too bad's* and *next time's*.

Practice

1. Her husbands wallet was full of curious items.
2. The singers voices were beautiful.
3. I went to the editor-in-chiefs house for dinner last night.
4. Its your turn to give the dog its food.
5. Everyone gets excited when he scores 3s.
6. You may not enter Mr. Harrises office without his permission.
7. What are your childrens names?
8. All those maple trees leaves are falling.
9. Whose going to the game tonight?
10. If you dont cross your ts they will look like ls