

# Using Apostrophes

don't

can't

men's

Jane's

haven't

# Possession

## Showing who owns what

An apostrophe goes after the owner's name to show something belongs to them.

**This is Jane's cat.**

**I belong to Jane.**



**He went to get the  
boy's coat.**

**The coat belonged  
to the boy.**

**Tom's wife was  
waiting for him.**

**The wife is married  
(or belongs to) Tom.**

# Contractions

## Showing missing letters

You can also use an apostrophe when you want to leave out one or more letters.



she has

... she's

you are

... you're

I am

... I'm

we have

... we've

I would

... I'd

it is

... it's

who is

... who's

There are some unusual contraction:

shall not ... shan't

will not ... won't



Don't confuse *it's* and *its*...

*it's* ... *it is*

*it's* ... *it has*

*its* pronoun

It's time we all went to bed.

It is time we all went to bed.



It's been a long day.

It has been a long day.



The cat wants **its** supper.

The cat wants **it is** supper.

**This doesn't make sense  
so it is NOT a contraction.**

**Can you put the apostrophes in the right places?**

**Shes got her mothers  
good looks, hasnt she?**

**She's got her mother's  
good looks, hasn't she?**



**Can you put the apostrophes in the right places?**

**Its the princes  
birthday today, isnt  
it?**

**It's the prince's  
birthday today, isn't it?**