

# 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?**



**Now it's your turn...**