

ACTIVITY: The Lazy Editor—"Fabulous or Freaky?" • SKILL: Apostrophes

Perfect Apostrophes

Here are some rules to remember when using apostrophes to create **contractions** and **possessives**:

- To form a **contraction**, use an apostrophe to replace the letters you remove. For example, you form *don't* by combining *do* and *not*, and replacing the *o* in *not* with an apostrophe.
- Possessives** show ownership. To make a **singular noun** (like *dog*) possessive, add 's to the end of the noun. For example: *the dog's ball*. Here, the possessive shows that the ball belongs to one dog. Add the 's even if the noun ends with *s*: *James's guitar*.
- To make a **plural noun** (like *dogs*) possessive, add an apostrophe after the *s* that is already at the end of the noun. For example: *the dogs' ball*. Here, the possessive shows that the ball belongs to more than one dog. If the plural noun doesn't end in *s*, add an apostrophe and an *s*. For example: *the children's toys*.
- Don't add apostrophes to **possessive pronouns**. For example: *the book is hers; its tires were flat; that is ours*.
- To make a **compound noun** possessive, add 's to the end of the last word. For example: *my mother-in-law's house*. If **two or more people or things** possess the same item, add 's to the end of the last person or thing only. For example: *Karen and Walter's box of doughnuts*.

Directions: Fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

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| <p>1. Which of the following is correct?</p> <p>Ⓐ Gerald doesnt like vegetables.
Ⓑ Gerald does' not like vegetables.
Ⓒ Gerald doesn't like vegetables.
Ⓓ Gerald doesnt' like vegetables.</p> <p>2. Which of the following correctly indicates that the expensive camera belongs to Ross?</p> <p>Ⓐ Ross's camera is expensive.
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Ⓓ Rosses camera is expensive.</p> | <p>3. A group of ladies had a picnic on a windy day. Which sentence correctly states what happened to their hats?</p> <p>Ⓐ The womens' hats blew off.
Ⓑ The women's hats blew off.
Ⓒ The womens hats blew off.
Ⓓ The womens hat's blew off.</p> <p>4. Which sentence contains the correct contraction of <i>we have</i>?</p> <p>Ⓐ Weave already seen that movie.
Ⓑ We've already seen that movie.
Ⓒ We've already seen that movie.
Ⓓ W've already seen that movie.</p> | <p>5. Choose the correct sentence.</p> <p>Ⓐ The dog ate its dinner.
Ⓑ The dog ate it's dinner.
Ⓒ The dog ate its' dinner.
Ⓓ The dogs' ate its dinner.</p> <p>6. Who lives in the house in the following sentence? Juli and Janet's cousins' house is far away.</p> <p>Ⓐ Janet
Ⓑ Juli and Janet
Ⓒ one cousin of Janet
Ⓓ more than one cousin of Juli and Janet</p> |
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Directions: Rewrite each of the following sentences, adding the missing apostrophes.

7. Its starting to rain but I forgot my parents umbrella.

8. Their football teams mascot isnt as frightening as ours.

9. Jackson wishes he didnt have to go to his brother-in-laws party.
