

Apostrophes: Contractions and Possessives

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Quick Review

An **apostrophe** (') has two jobs. In a **contraction**, it takes the place of missing letters (can not becomes can't). To show one person OWNS something, add an apostrophe and s (the dog's bone).

PRACTICE

Choose or write the correct word.

1. Which is the correct contraction for *can not*?
 - A. cant
 - B. ca'nt
 - C. can't
 - D. cann't
2. Which is the correct contraction for *I am*?
 - A. Im
 - B. I'm
 - C. Ia'm
 - D. I'am
3. Which is the correct contraction for *did not*?
 - A. didnt
 - B. did'nt
 - C. didn't
 - D. didnot
4. Which shows that the bone belongs to one dog?
 - A. the dogs bone
 - B. the dog's bone
 - C. the dogs' bone
 - D. the dog bone



5. Which sentence is correct?
- A. I cant find my shoe.
 - B. I can't find my shoe.
 - C. I ca'nt find my shoe.
 - D. I cannt find my shoe.
6. Write the contraction for *do not*: _____
Answer: _____
7. Write the possessive form: the hat that belongs to Sam is _____ *hat*
Answer: _____
8. The word *Im* is written correctly in this sentence: *Im* happy today.
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9. Which sentence shows that the toy belongs to one girl?
- A. The girls toy is red.
 - B. The girl's toy is red.
 - C. The girls' toy is red.
 - D. The girl toy is red.
10. Add an apostrophe to fix this word: *The cats tail is fluffy.* (one cat)
Answer: _____



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6
- 7
- 8 T F
- 9 A B C D
- 10

Explanations

1. C	The apostrophe takes the place of the missing letters in can not.
2. B	The apostrophe takes the place of the missing letter a in I am.
3. C	The apostrophe takes the place of the missing o in did not.
4. B	Add an apostrophe and s to show that one dog owns the bone.
5. B	Can't is the contraction for can not, with an apostrophe.
6. don't	The apostrophe takes the place of the missing o.
7. Sam's	Add an apostrophe and s to show that Sam owns the hat.
8. F	It needs an apostrophe: I'm happy today.
9. B	Add an apostrophe and s to show that one girl owns the toy.
10. cat's	One cat owns the tail, so add an apostrophe and s.



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