

# 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.

- Which is the correct contraction for *can not*?
  - cant
  - ca'nt
  - can't
  - cann't
- Which is the correct contraction for *I am*?
  - Im
  - I'm
  - Ia'm
  - I'am
- Which is the correct contraction for *did not*?
  - didnt
  - did'nt
  - didn't
  - didnot
- Which shows that the bone belongs to one dog?
  - the dogs bone
  - the dog's bone
  - the dogs' bone
  - 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.  
**T / F**
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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