

Apostrophes for Missing Letters



Apostrophes are used to show where letters are missing from a word.

I am → I'm

had not → hadn't

you are → you're

Sometimes the shortened word **doesn't** quite match the words it's made from.

will not → won't

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Draw lines to match the pairs of words with their shortened versions.

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Shorten these words using an apostrophe.

was not

that will

it will

where is

did not

we are

- 3 Put a cross next to the sentences where the underlined word needs an apostrophe.

Dogs love to go for walks.

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Her rats got a new cage.

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My goats called Susan.

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Snakes are often slimy.

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We have pigs on our farm.

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Your cats beautiful.

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His hamsters got spots.

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That rabbits got big ears.

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- 4 Write out the underlined word in each sentence as two words.

We'll have to try again tomorrow.

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Mrs Smith doesn't wear any socks.

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She's always reading a book.

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They've been on holiday again.

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- 5 Rewrite these sentences using the shortened version of each pair of underlined words and an apostrophe.

They are the best netball team.

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It is raining and I am getting wet.

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That is the biggest cake I have ever seen!

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"I can use apostrophes to shorten words."

