

# English

## Punctuation *and* Grammar

### Using Apostrophes Correctly

There are two causes for using an apostrophe:

1. To show **possession/ownership**

E.g. That is Katy's DVD.

2. In **contractions** (when two words are shortened into one word)

E.g. Isn't that your classroom? [Is + not = isn't]



Identify which of the following sentences use apostrophes to form a **contraction** and which use apostrophes to show **possession**.

Remember to circle your answers (either 'possession' or 'contraction') on this sheet.

E.g. What's your favourite subject at school?

**Contraction**

**Possession**

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|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <u>Shouldn't</u> you ask permission first?             | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 2. <u>Don't</u> touch that cake yet.                      | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 3. I think that is <u>Sam's</u> uniform.                  | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 4. <u>Can't</u> I come with you?                          | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 5. <u>Jackie's</u> pencil case is purple.                 | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 6. I love Justin <u>Bieber's</u> music!                   | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 7. Our <u>school's</u> teachers are the best.             | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 8. My <u>school's</u> better than that!                   | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 9. <u>Australia's</u> floral emblem is the golden wattle. | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 10. <u>She'll</u> be here in ten minutes.                 | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 11. " <u>Who's</u> there?" Ali shouted.                   | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 12. <u>What's</u> the matter Jack?                        | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 13. <u>Liz's</u> middle name is Lucy.                     | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 14. <u>I'm</u> the fastest runner in my class.            | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |
| 15. That is not her hat, <u>it's</u> mine!                | <b>Contraction</b> | <b>Possession</b> |