

## APOSTROPHES

1. An apostrophe denotes *ownership* or *possession*:

singular nouns

(one person, place or thing)

plural nouns

(two or more persons, places or things)

**2. An apostrophe indicates missing letter(s) in a *contraction*:**

it is/it's	do not/don't	he is/he's	would not/wouldn't
they are/they're	we are/we're	I have/I've	I am/I'm

POSSESSIVE PERSONAL PRONOUNS ***NEVER*** USE APOSTROPHES

my	its	his	your	their	our	her
			yours	theirs	ours	hers

The dog buried its bone.      Theirs was broken first.      Yours is the green one.

**3. An apostrophe shows *omissions* of letters or numbers:**

this and that	1942	come on over and talk
this 'n' that	'42	c'mon over and talk

**4. An apostrophe and -s form the *plural* of numbers, letters and symbols. These plurals may also be correctly written without apostrophes, but whichever you choose, be consistent.**

numbers:	He had three 5's in his wallet.
	I received 8s i