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Lesson 16

Apostrophes

2.L.2.c — High, 3.L.2.d — Hig

An apostrophe (') is a punctuation mark that is used to show possession or to form a contraction.

Possession

For singular nouns and for plural nouns that do not end in -s, add an apostrophe and an -s to show possession.

Examples The **student's** answers are correct.

The **bus's** wheels were flat.

The **women's** club planned the event.

With a plural noun that ends in an -s, add an apostrophe after the s.

Example In the forest, the **trees'** leaves change color in the fall.

Contractions

Contractions combine two words into one word by taking out one or more letters and replacing them with an apostrophe. Below are some common contractions.

I am → I'm	you are → you're	is not → isn't	cannot → can't
he is → he's	we are → we're	was not → wasn't	will not → won't
she is → she's	they are → they're	are not → aren't	have not → haven't
it is → it's	I will → I'll	were not → weren't	has not → hasn't
who is → who's	they will → they'll	did not → didn't	had not → hadn't

Examples I **can't** wait for the concert!

I'm sad that May and Li **won't** be able to join us.

Test Example

1. Read the sentence.

My oldest brothers first job was at a store.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. brother's
- B. brothers'
- C. brothers's
- D. brothers

A. The word *brother* is singular. To show singular possession, use an apostrophe between *brother* and the s.

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Practice

- 1 Read the sentence.
The three friends suits were bought for the wedding.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. friends
- B. friends'
- C. friends's
- D. friend's

- 2 Read the sentence.
The peoples orders were mixed up.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. peoples
- B. peoples'
- C. people's
- D. peoples's

- 3 Read the sentence.
A nurses education takes many years.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. nurses
- B. nurses'
- C. nurses's
- D. nurse's

- 4 Read the sentence.
The saws handles are all made of wood.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. saws
- B. saws'
- C. saw's
- D. saws's

- 5 Read the sentence.
I do not believe that strange story.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. dont
- B. don't
- C. don't'
- D. dont'

- 6 Read the sentence.
It is a good thing that we left on time.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. Its'
- B. Its
- C. It'sis
- D. It's

Strategy

The contraction *it's* and possessive *its* are often mixed up. If *it is* sound right in the sentence, use *it's*.

- 7 Read the sentence.
The order was not in yet.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. was'nt
- B. was'not
- C. wasn't'
- D. wasn't

- 8 Read the sentence.
He is really happy with his progress.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. Hes'
- B. H'is
- C. He's
- D. Hes's

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- 1 Read the sentences.

Twenty athletes met for training. During the athletes training, they helped one another follow the coach's directions.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. athlete's B. athlete'
C. athletes's D. athletes'

- 2 Read the sentence.

She tried but could not get to the meeting on time.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. could not' B. couldn't
C. could 'not D. couldn't'

- 3 Read the sentences.

Evelyn attached a copy of her résumé to the job application. Evelyns résumé included her education and work experience.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. Evelyn's B. Evelyn'
C. Evelyns' D. Evelyns's

- 4 Read the sentences.

My cousin introduced me to his friend. My cousins friend, who is good at math, works at a bank.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. cousins'
B. cousin'
C. cousin's
D. cousins's

- 5 Read the sentence.

Who is the manager of this grocery store?

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. Who is' B. Who's
C. Whos' D. Wh'is

- 6 Read the sentence.

The childrens museum needs volunteers to help visitors with craft projects.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. childrens'
B. childrens's
C. children's
D. children'

- 7 Read the sentences.

The tutor brought a practice test for her student. The tutors student is preparing to take a high school equivalency test.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. tutors'
B. tutors's
C. tutor'
D. tutor's

- 8 Read the sentence.

Carlo thinks it is a good idea to make a budget.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. it's B. its
C. its' D. it's'

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- 9 Read the sentence.

She is writing emails to her customers, offering them special discounts.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. Shes
- B. Shes'
- C. She's
- D. Shes's

- 10 Read the sentence.

I do not know how to sew on a button.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. don't
- B. d'not
- C. do'nt
- D. do not'

- 11 Read the sentence.

School bus drivers schedules may change from time to time.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. driver's
- B. drivers'
- C. drivers's
- D. driver'

- 12 Read the sentence.

Zoe has not cut my hair in three months.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. has'not
- B. hasnot'
- C. hasn't
- D. hasn't'

- 13 Read the sentence.

He will read the newspaper during his lunch break.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. He'll
- B. He'lll
- C. He'l
- D. H'lll

- 14 Read the sentence.

You are able to replace the tip on your cane with any of these options.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. Yo'ure
- B. Youre'
- C. Your'e
- D. You're

- 15 Read the sentence.

At first, Joey and Manuel did not agree on a solution to the problem.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined words?

- A. did' not
- B. didn't
- C. didnt
- D. didnt'

- 16 Read the sentences.

The table saw came with a detailed manual. The manuals first chapter includes many diagrams.

Which of these correctly replaces the underlined word?

- A. manual's
- B. manuals's
- C. manual'
- D. manuals'

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(2.L.2.c, 3.L.2.d)

1. B. *Friends* is plural. To show possession, an apostrophe is used after the *s*.
2. C. Even though *people* is a plural noun, it does not end in an *s*. So, to show possession, an apostrophe and an *s* are used.
3. D. The word *a* lets us know that the word *nurse* is singular. An apostrophe is used between the word *nurse* and the *s*.
4. B. *Saws* is plural. To show possession, an apostrophe is used after the *s*.
5. B. For contractions with the word *not*, replace the *o* in *not* with an apostrophe.
6. D. *It's* is the contraction of the words *it is*.
7. D. For contractions with the word *not*, replace the *o* in *not* with an apostrophe.
8. C. For contractions with the word *is*, replace the *i* in *is* with an apostrophe.

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1. D. *Athletes* is plural. An apostrophe is added to the end of a plural noun ending in *-s* to form a possessive.
2. B. For contractions with the word *not*, replace the *o* in *not* with an apostrophe.
3. A. *Evelyn* is singular. An apostrophe and *-s* are added to singular nouns to form a possessive.
4. C. *Cousin* is singular. An apostrophe and *-s* are added to singular nouns to form a possessive.
5. B. For contractions with the word *is*, replace the *i* in *is* with an apostrophe.
6. C. *Children* is plural. An apostrophe and *-s* are added to plural nouns that do not end in *-s* to form a possessive.
7. D. *Tutor* is singular. An apostrophe and *-s* are added to singular nouns to form a possessive.
8. A. For contractions with the word *is*, replace the *i* in *is* with an apostrophe.
9. C. For contractions with the word *is*, replace the *i* in *is* with an apostrophe.
10. A. For contractions with the word *not*, replace the *o* in *not* with an apostrophe.
11. B. *Drivers* is plural. An apostrophe is added to a plural noun ending in *-s* to form a possessive.
12. C. For contractions with the word *not*, replace the *o* in *not* with an apostrophe.
13. A. For contractions with the word *will*, replace the *wi* in *will* with an apostrophe.
14. D. For contractions with the word *are*, replace the *a* in *are* with an apostrophe.
15. B. For contractions with the word *not*, replace the *o* in *not* with an apostrophe.
16. A. *Manual* is singular. An apostrophe and *-s* are added to singular nouns to form a possessive.