

Term 6 - Week 7 - 13.07.20

Apostrophes (contractions and possessive nouns):

Practice:

There are two occasions when you should use an apostrophe:

- In a contraction (when two words are joined together and some letters are missed out)
- to show ownership

I'm going for a bike ride.

I'm is short for I am.

The apostrophe shows that a letter is missing.

<i>the boy's bike</i>	<i>the girls' skateboard</i>	<i>The children's skateboard</i>
<i>This means the bike belonging to the boy. When there is just one owner, we usually add 's' to the noun.</i>	<i>This means the skateboards belonging to the girls. When there is more than one owner, we add ' to the noun if it end with s.</i>	<i>This means the skates belonging to the children. We add 's if there is no s at the end of the plural noun.</i>

Practice

1. Write each of these contractions in full. The first one has been done for you.

- a) *I'm - I am* b) *I've* c) *she's* d) *you're*
e) *it's* f) *haven't* g) *couldn't*
h) *wasn't* i) *aren't* j) *who's*
k) *we're* l) *let's* m) *they've*
n) *she'll* o) *we'd*

2. Rewrite each of these sentences, using the shortened form of the underlined words.

a) I had not seen the film before.

b) That is a good book.

c) You will be sorry.

d) It is a good idea.

e) They are late.

f) We have got two

g) He did not want it.

h) We will help.

i) Do not go.

j) You should not come.

k) It would not matter.

l) You need not go in.