

# Apostrophes

## Grammar Drill Pack

**Focus:** Fixing common mistakes with possessive 's and contractions — five short drills to lock in **Apostrophes**.

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### 1 · Rules

- ◆ Use 's to show that something belongs to a singular noun.
- ◆ Use only an apostrophe after the s of a plural noun that already ends in s to show possession.
- ◆ Use an apostrophe to replace missing letters in contractions (e.g., do not → don't).
- ◆ Do not use an apostrophe to make regular plurals.

### 2 · Signal words

belongs to   it's   don't   children's   James's   can't   dogs'   shouldn't

**Tip:** These words often flag **Apostrophes** — spot them, then choose the form.

### 3 · Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Apostrophes** in each gap.

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ bark woke me up early.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ raining heavily today.
- 3 My \_\_\_\_\_ bike is red.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ book is on the table.
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ lounge is being cleaned.
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ go to the park because it's closed.

### 4 · Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Apostrophes. Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 ~~The cats whiskers are long.~~
- 2 ~~Its time to leave.~~
- 3 ~~The childrens playground is new.~~
- 4 ~~Sarahs friends are arriving.~~
- 5 ~~The dog's owner is friendly.~~
- 6 ~~We shouldnt be late.~~

## 5 • Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A-D).

- 1 Choose the correctly punctuated contraction.  
☐ (A) It is raining. ☐ (B) It's raining. ☐ (C) Its raining. ☐ (D) It s raining.
- 2 Select the sentence that shows correct possessive for a singular noun.  
☐ (A) The dog tail is wagging. ☐ (B) The dog's tail is wagging. ☐ (C) The dogs tail is wagging.  
☐ (D) The dogs' tail is wagging.
- 3 Which sentence correctly uses a plural possessive?  
☐ (A) The children's books are on the shelf. ☐ (B) The child's books are on the shelf.  
☐ (C) The childrens books are on the shelf. ☐ (D) The childrens' books are on the shelf.
- 4 Pick the correctly punctuated contraction for 'do not'.  
☐ (A) Dont ☐ (B) Don't ☐ (C) Do'nt ☐ (D) Do not
- 5 Which sentence correctly shows possession for a name ending in s?  
☐ (A) James's car is new. ☐ (B) James car is new. ☐ (C) James's car are new. ☐ (D) James' car are new.
- 6 Select the sentence with the correct use of an apostrophe in a negative contraction.  
☐ (A) We cant go now. ☐ (B) We can't go now. ☐ (C) We can' t go now. ☐ (D) We can not go now.