

Using Apostrophes

- Contractions (replaces omitted letter(s)):

I'll= I will they've= they have '80s movies=1980s movies sayin'= saying it's= it is

- Possession/Ownership

-Add 's to show possession or ownership by a singular noun (even if the noun already ends in s!)

My best friend's wedding the boss's desk the mouse's tail

-Add ' after the s to show possession or ownership by a plural noun that ends in s

Babies' cries teachers' lounge

-Add 's to show possession or ownership by a plural noun that does not end in s

Sheep's wool mice's cheese

-If several people own something together, add 's after the last person's name

Marcy, Ann, and Carol's team

-If several people own something separately, add 's after each person's name

Both Jan's and Eliza's science projects won prizes.

- No Apostrophes: Possessive Plural Pronouns

hers his its ours yours theirs

