

# NAPLAN Contractions & Apostrophes

in 10 Crispy Minutes a Day

Year 3

Master contractions and apostrophes the fun way!

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# Welcome to Your Apostrophe Adventure!

# What You'll Learn

- ★ How to make contractions correctly
- when to use apostrophes for possession
- ★ Common mistakes to avoid
- NAPLAN-style questions

# **How It Works**

- Ust 10 minutes each day
- 25 fun daily lessons
- Practise, check, improve
- Build confidence for NAPLAN

# British Spelling Throughout

This book uses British spelling conventions (colour, realise, organise) to match Australian NAPLAN standards.

## Quick Reference Guide

#### **Common Contractions**

cannot	can't
will not	won't
do not	don't
did not	didn't
l am	l'm
you are	you're
it is	it's
they are	they're

# **Possession Rules**

One owner: Add 's

The cat's toy, Mum's car

Multiple owners: Add s'

The cats' toys, the girls' books

Special plurals: Add 's

children's games, women's shoes

# **Basic Contractions**

Let's start with the easiest contractions!

# **❸** Today's Tip

A contraction joins two words together by removing some letters and adding an apostrophe.

# **Exercise 1: Make the Contractions**

1. l am → \_\_\_\_\_

2. do → \_\_\_\_\_

3. it is → \_\_\_\_

4. cannot → \_\_\_\_\_

5. you → \_\_\_\_\_

6. will → \_\_\_\_\_

7. they are  $\rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

8. did → \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Exercise 2: Choose the Correct Contraction**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ going to the shops today.

 $\bigcirc$  am  $\bigcirc$  I'm  $\bigcirc$  Im

2. We \_\_\_\_ have time to play today.

○ don't ○ dont ○ do'nt

3. \_\_\_\_ a beautiful day outside.

 $\bigcirc$  Its  $\bigcirc$  It's  $\bigcirc$  It is'

Some contractions change more than you'd think!

▲ Watch Out!
"Will not" becomes "won't" - not "willn't"! This is a special case to

remember.

#### **Exercise 1: Fix the Mistakes**

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- 1. I willn't be late. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. She can't swim very well. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. We did'nt see the film. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. They wo'nt come to the party. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. It has'nt stopped raining.

# **Exercise 2: NAPLAN Style Questions**

**Question 1:** Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- A) I wont' be going to school tomorrow.
- O B) I won't be going to school tomorrow.
- O C) I wo'nt be going to school tomorrow.
- O D) I won t be going to school tomorrow.

**Question 2:** Choose the correctly written sentence:

- A) They couldn't find their way home.
- O B) They could'nt find their way home.
- O C) They couldnt find their way home.
- O D) They couldn't find their way home.

When something belongs to someone!

# **Possession Rule**

When one person owns something, add 's to show possession: "The dog's bone"

# **Exercise 1: Add the Apostrophes**

- 1. The cats toy is under the sofa. → The cat\_\_ toy is under the sofa.
- 2. Sarahs book is very interesting. → Sarah\_\_ book is very interesting.
- 3. The teachers car is in the car park. → The teacher\_\_ car is in the car park.
- 4. Toms lunch is in his bag. → Tom\_\_ lunch is in his bag.
- 5. The birds nest is in the tree.  $\rightarrow$  The bird nest is in the tree.

#### **Exercise 2: Rewrite with Possession**

Rewrite these phrases using apostrophes:

1. the car of Dad	$\rightarrow$	

2. the nat of	$\rightarrow$												
Mum		 											

3. the tail of the											
	$\rightarrow$				_		 				
dog		 	 -								

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4. the room of			

# It's vs Its This one tricks lots of people!

# Remember This

It's = It is (contraction) | Its = belonging to it (possession)

Trick: If you can say "it is" in the sentence, use "it's"

Exercise 1: Choose It's or Its
1. The dog wagged tail. (its / it's)
2 raining outside today. (lts / lt's)
3. The car lost wheel. (its / it's)
4 time to go home now. (lts / lt's)
5. The tree lost all leaves. (its / it's)
6 a very sunny day. (lts / lt's)

### **Exercise 2: Fix the Sentences**

Cross out the wrong word and write the correct one:

- 1. Its a beautiful morning for a walk. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. The bird built it's nest in our garden. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Its' going to be a long day at school. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The cat cleaned it's fur carefully. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. I think it's time for lunch. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Your, You're & There, They're, Their

The most confusing words sorted out!

Your vs You're

**Your** = belonging to you

You're = you are

There vs They're vs Their

There = a place

They're = they are

**Their** = belonging to them

Exercise 1: Choose the Right Word
1 shoes are very muddy. (Your / You're)
2. I think going to be late. (your / you're)
3. The children put bags over (their / they're / there)
4 coming to the party tonight. (Their / They're / There)
5. Can you put the books over? (their / they're / there)
6 the best student in the class. (Your / You're)

# **Exercise 2: Complete the Story**

Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

Yesterday, my friends came to (your/you're) house to play
(Their/They're/There) parents dropped them off (their/they're/there) at three o'clock.
" (Your/You're) garden is huge!" they said. We decided to play
(their/they're/there) for the whole afternoon (Their/They're/There) favourite game is
hide and seek, so (their/they're/there) was lots of running around. When
(your/you're) mum called us in for dinner, (their/they're/there) faces were all red
from playing!

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# Plural Possession

When more than one person owns something!

# **Plural Possession Rules**

If plural ends in 's': Add just ' (the dogs' toys)

If plural doesn't end in 's': Add 's (the children's books)

# **Exercise 1: Add Apostrophes**

2. All the cats food bowls need washing. → All the cat food bowls							
3. The childrens playground is very popular. → The children playground							
4. The teachers cars are i	n the car park. $\rightarrow$ The te	acher cars					
5. The womens changing	room is upstairs. → The	e women changing room					
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Exercise 2: One or Many	ı?						
Decide if each sentence s	hows one owner or mai	າy owners:					
Sentence	One Owner	Many Owners					
The student's pencil	0	0					
The students' pencils	0	0					
The children's toys	0	$\circ$					
The child's toy	0	$\circ$					
			;				
7 Common Mis		en rel					
Let's fix the most o	common apostrophe err	ors!					
▲ Don't Do This!							
X Never use apostrophes	for plural nouns: "appl	e's for sale" is wrong!					
Apostrophes are for co	ntractions and possessi	on only.					
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Exercise 1: Spot the Mis	takes						
Circle the incorrect use o	f apostrophes:						
1. We bought three ban	ana's from the shop.						
2. The car's are parked outside the school.							

1. The girls books were scattered everywhere.  $\rightarrow$  The girl\_\_ books

5. It's raining cat's and dog's!
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Exercise 2: Rewrite Correctly
Wrong: The bird's are singing in the tree's.
Correct:
Wrong: We need more chair's for the party.
Correct:
Wrong: The teacher's are having a meeting

NAPLAN Practice Test 1
Time to test your skills!

3. My sister's friends are coming over.

4. The dog's in the garden are barking loudly.

# **NAPLAN-Style Questions**

Correct: \_

**Question 1:** Which sentence is written correctly?

- A) The cats toy's are in the basket.
- O B) The cat's toys are in the basket.
- O C) The cats toys' are in the basket.
- O D) The cats' toy's are in the basket.

**Question 2:** Choose the sentence that uses "it's" correctly:

- A) The dog wagged it's tail happily.
- O B) It's a lovely day for a picnic.
- O C) The bird built it's nest carefully.

O D) The car lost it's wheel.
Question 3: Which contraction is spelled correctly?
O A) shouldn't
O B) should'nt
O C) shouldnt
O D) shouldn't
Question 4: Select the sentence with correct apostrophe use:
A) The childrens' books are on the shelf.
O B) The children's books are on the shelf.
O C) The childrens books' are on the shelf.
O D) The children's book's are on the shelf.
<b>Question 5:</b> Which word correctly completes this sentence: " going to the shops after school."
O A) Their
O B) There
○ C) They're
O D) Theyre

# Mid-Point Review Let's review everything so far!

# **☑** What You've Mastered

- Basic contractions (I'm, don't, can't)
- Tricky contractions (won't, shouldn't)
- Simple possession (cat's, Tom's)
- It's vs its
- Your/you're confusion
- There/their/they're
- Plural possession

# **©** Coming Up Next

- Advanced NAPLAN questions
- Editing paragraphs
- Time-based challenges
- Mixed practice
- Final assessment

# **Quick Review Exercise**

Fix all the apostrophe errors in this paragraph:

Yesterday, my familys dog got loose from it's lead. We couldnt find him anywhere! The neighbours children helped us look. "Theyre checking over their," said Mum, pointing to the park. After two hour's of searching, we found him in the teachers car park at school. His tail was wagging - I think he was'nt worried at all! Its amazing how dog's always find they're way to interesting places.

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# **Advanced Challenges**

Ready for the tough stuff?

# **Exercise 1: Complex Possession**

Add apostrophes to show possession:

- 1. The three girls mother came to pick them up.
- 2. Both teachers cars were parked outside.
- 3. The childrens parents meeting is on Tuesday.
- 4. All the students homework was handed in late.
- 5. The two cats food bowls were empty.

# **Exercise 2: Mixed Challenge**

This paragraph has 10 apostrophe errors. Find and fix them all:

The schools annual sports day was'nt going well. It had been raining, and all the student's uniform's were getting wet. "We cant continue like this," said the principle. The parent's were watching from they're car's, and the teacher's were trying to keep everyone's spirit's up. Finally, the sun came out. "Its' going to be alright!" shouted one of the childrens mother's. Everyone's face's lit up with joy.

# **Tongratulations!**

You've completed 25 days of apostrophe and contraction practice. You're now ready for NAPLAN!

## **Final NAPLAN Practice Test**

omplete this test to see how much you've improved:		
Question 1: Which sentence uses apostrophes correctly?		
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O A) The students' reports will be ready tomorrow.		
O B) The student's report's will be ready tomorrow.		
O C) The students report's will be ready tomorrow.		
O D) The students reports' will be ready tomorrow.		
<b>Question 2:</b> Choose the correct word: " not coming to the party because busy with homework."		
O A) They're, their, there		
O B) Their, they're, there		
O C) They're, they're, their		

**Question 3:** Identify the correctly written sentence:

○ A) The dog chased it's tail in circles.

O D) There, their, they're

- O B) Its a wonderful day for playing outside.
- O C) The cat lost its collar yesterday.
- O D) I think its' going to rain later.



# **Day 1 Answers**

#### Exercise 1:

- 1. I'm 2. don't 3. it's 4. can't
- 5. you're 6. won't 7. they're 8. didn't

#### **Exercise 2:**

1. I'm 2. don't 3. It's

# **Day 2 Answers**

#### **Exercise 1:**

- 1. won't 2. ✓ correct 3. didn't
- 4. won't 5. hasn't

#### **Exercise 2:**

- 1. B) I won't be going to school tomorrow.
- 2. A) They couldn't find their way home.

## **Day 3 Answers**

#### Exercise 1:

- 1. cat's 2. Sarah's 3. teacher's
- 4. Tom's 5. bird's

#### Exercise 2:

- 1. Dad's car 2. Mum's hat
- 3. the dog's tail 4. Emma's room

# **Day 4 Answers**

#### Exercise 1:

1. its 2. It's 3. its 4. It's 5. its 6. It's

#### Exercise 2:

1. It's 2. its 3. It's 4. its 5. **✓** correct

#### **Day 8 Test Answers**

- 1. B) The cat's toys are in the basket.
- 2. B) It's a lovely day for a picnic.
- 3. A) shouldn't
- 4. B) The children's books are on the shelf.
- 5. C) They're

#### **Final Test Answers**

- 1. A) The students' reports will be ready tomorrow.
- 2. C) They're, they're, their
- 3. C) The cat lost its collar yesterday.

# Progress Tracker

# **Weekly Goals**

Week 1: Basic Contractions

# **Skill Mastery**

Basic Contractions 0%

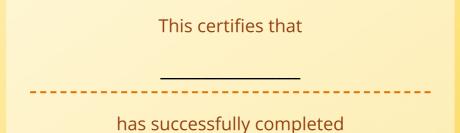
Simple Possession 0%

It's vs Its 0%

Week 2: Possession Rules	Plural Possession 0%
Week 3: Tricky Words	NAPLAN Practice 0%
Week 4: Advanced Practice	



# Certificate of Completion



25 Days of Apostrophe & Contraction
Mastery

and is ready to tackle NAPLAN with confidence!

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# Congratulations on Completing Your Apostrophe Journey!

You've mastered the essential skills needed for NAPLAN success. Keep practising and stay confident!







Contractions Mastered

Possession Rules Learned

NAPLAN Ready

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