

APOSTROPHE USAGE

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WOULD'VE, SHOULD'VE, COULD'VE.

- Apostrophes can be used to create contractions.
- Such as:
 - Don't (do not)
 - Won't (will not)
 - Isn't (is not)
 - Etc.
- To create a contraction, the apostrophe must be placed where the letters are removed from the word.



I'LL TAKE THAT

- **To show singular possession, write the singular form of the noun, and immediately place the apostrophe. Afterward, add an “s” after the apostrophe.**
- EX:
 1. Write singular form: Boy
 2. Add apostrophe: Boy'
 3. Add “s”: Boy's
- One boy's coat
- A lady's purse
- One bird's feather
- Ms. Chang's garage.



GOT AN EXTRA “S” ?

- Some names end in “s.” Even though adding the second “s” is not required, it is preferred.
- Mr. Jones’s golf clubs
- Texas’s weather
- Ms. Straus’s daughter
- Dr. Hastings’s schedule



PLURAL POSSESSION

- **In order to show plural possession, make the noun plural first, then immediately add the apostrophe.**
- EX:
 1. First make the noun plural: Boys
 2. Immediately add apostrophe: Boys'
- Two boys' hats
- Two girls' rings
- The Hastingses' daughter
- The countries' laws.



PLEASE DON'T DO IT

- Do not use an apostrophe for the plural of a name.
- The Changs have two cars and a boat.
- We visited the Sanchezes in Los Angeles.



TWO OWN ONE

- If two people possess the same item, use the apostrophe and “s” after the second name.
- John and Peter’s home is built on the mountainside.
- Jackson and Mason’s room is a mess.



TWO NOUNS - SEPARATE OWNERSHIP

- **To indicate separate ownership both nouns will need apostrophes.**
- Caesar's and Maribel's job contracts will be renewed next year.
- Michael's and Tito's record deals are very lucrative.

