

Recognising Apostrophes

1. Identify the two words that have been combined to make the contractions in each sentence.

A. Josie couldn't get to sleep because she was excited about her holiday.

B. I wasn't happy that I didn't score a goal during football training.

C. My auntie and uncle are coming to stay with us but they've a long drive to get here.

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4. Some of the apostrophes have been used incorrectly in the passage below.

Julia loved spring. Shed get up early every morning, and with her dog and his ball, set off for a walk across the fields. Wally's ball would often roll out of his mouth and he would go and chase it. He was sometimes distracted and couldn't find anything of interest. If the rabbits had any sense, th'eyd stay well away.

Explain the mistakes.

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2. Contract the underlined words in the sentences below and add the apostrophes.

A. My mum is going to take us to the park. She will pick my sister up from swimming and then we will go to the park.

B. The giraffes used to love playing in their enclosure. Together, they would eat the leaves from the tallest trees and would not stop until they were full.

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5. Write two sentences to describe the image below.



You must include at least one apostrophe for possession and at least one apostrophe for contraction in each sentence.

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3. Tick the sentences below which use apostrophes to show possession.

A. Ryan realised that the dog's bowl was empty.

B. My mum couldn't believe her eyes when my room was tidy.

C. My car's tyres have been replaced and it's now safe to drive.

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6. Olive has written the sentence below.

Skyla's sister couldn't come to my little brother's party because she wasn't feeling well.

She says,



I have used one apostrophe for possession and one for contraction.

Is Olive correct? Convince me.

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1. A. could not; B. was not, did not; C. they have
2. A. she'll, we'll; B. they'd, wouldn't
3. A and C
4. The first mistake is with the word 'shed'. This should be she'd as it refers to Julia. The second mistake is with the word 'could'nt'. Although an apostrophe has been used for contraction, it has been used in the wrong place. The correct contraction is 'couldn't', where the apostrophe replaces the 'o' in not. The last mistake is with 'th'eyd'. The apostrophe for contraction has been used incorrectly and should be placed in between 'y' and 'd'.
5. Various answers, for example:
Anabelle's brother couldn't believe how much fun he was having.
Rebecca wasn't feeling scared anymore because Lucas's mum had told her to hold on tight so she didn't fall off.
6. Olive is incorrect. She has used two apostrophes for contraction because she has included the words 'couldn't' and 'wasn't'. She has also used two apostrophes for possession because she has used the words 'Skyla's' and 'brother's'.