

Contractions and Possessive Apostrophes

We have been learning about contractions and possessive apostrophes.

A contraction is:

Contracted words, also known as **contractions** are **short words made by putting two words together**. Letters are omitted in the contraction and replaced by an **apostrophe**. The apostrophe shows where the letters would be if the words were written in full.

Examples of contractions are:

Original two words	Contraction/Contracted Words
do not	don't
is not	isn't
he is	he's
we are	we're
I will	I'll

Possessive Apostrophe

Apostrophes are used to tell us that something belongs to someone. For example, if you were talking about a football belonging to Ben, you would say 'Ben's football'.

**Ben's football** (the football that belongs to Ben)

There is only one of Ben, so this is called **singular possession**.

Can you think of your own contracted words? Then can you use these words in a sentence?

Can you spot any possessive apostrophes when you are reading? Can you write sentences using one of these?