

Rule One: Omission	Rule Two: Possession	Rule Three: Group Possession
<p>When two words are brought together, the letter taken out is replaced with an apostrophe.</p> <p>You are- you're Do not- Don't Will not- Won't</p>	<p>When something is owned in a sentence, the owner has an apostrophe before the 's'.</p> <p>Joe's jumper was blue. Today's date is October 31st. The song's lyrics are strange.</p>	<p>When there is a group of owners and the word is already pluralised, the apostrophe goes BEFORE the 's', not after it.</p> <p>These often include: Children's books People's opinion Men's clothes shop</p>
<p>Exception:</p> <p>It is. If you use this for ownership and not omission, it will read very strangely.</p> <p>EG: The cat licked it's paw.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">=</p> <p>The cat licked it is paw.</p>	<p>Exception:</p> <p>If there is more than one owner or if the word ends in an 's', the apostrophe goes AFTER the 's'.</p> <p>EG: The boys' changing room was very busy. Miss Rolls' jumper.</p>	<p>*Common errors*</p> <p>Using an apostrophe for a plural.</p> <p>E.G. The tree's were brown.</p>