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APOSTROPHES

Rule 1a: Use an apostrophe and an s ('s) to form the _____ of a _____ noun.

Example:

the *mouse's* tail

Rule 1b: Use an apostrophe and an s ('s) to form the _____ of a _____ noun not ending in s.

Example:

the *geese's* flight

Rule #2: Use an apostrophe _____ to form the possessive of a plural noun that ends in s.

* Do not add an apostrophe or 's to possessive personal pronouns.

Example:

the **boys'** dog

the **coaches'** commands

Rule #3 : Use an apostrophe to replace letters or _____ that have been left out in a

_____.

Example:

We are = **we're**

They have = **they've**

Rule #4: Use an apostrophe and an s ('s) to form the _____ of letters, numbers, symbols, and words that you refer to.

Example:

From a distance, **3's** look like **8's**.

There are no **if's**, **and's**, or **but's** about it.

Fun Fact: Do NOT use an apostrophe when pluralizing numbers.

Example:

1800's is WRONG.

1800s is CORRECT.

Practice

Rewrite each of the following sentences and **use an APOSTROPHE** to include one possessive and one contraction. Underline the possessive once and the contraction twice.

1. She is the girlfriend of Alfred Manis.
2. These are not the droids that belong to Joe.
3. She did not understand the questions Ender Wiggin asked.