

## POSSESSIVE, PLURAL, OR CONTRACTION?



A **possessive** is when a word shows ownership of something. Possessives use apostrophes.

*Mindy's* glasses broke during a game of dodgeball.  
The *dog's* tail wagged.

A **plural** is a noun with an "s" added to the end of it to show that there is more than one. Plurals do not use apostrophes.

*There were three flavors* of ice cream to choose from.  
*There are six branches* on the tree.



A **contraction** is a combination of two words that are often used together, with an apostrophe in the place of a missing letter.

*Mom's* going to the grocery store this afternoon.  
*They're* leaving for the park.

Put the apostrophes into the underlined words.  
Careful: some words may not need them!

1. Steves a nice guy. **Answer: Steve's**
2. He wants three action figures for his birthday. **no change necessary**
3. Karas mom made us a good dinner. **Kara's**
4. He was born in the 1990s. **1990s**
5. The temperature was in the high 80s all week. **80s**