

# 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.
2. He wants three action figures for his birthday.
3. Karas mom made us a good dinner.
4. He was born in the 1990s.
5. The temperature was in the high 80s all week.