

1.

Which sign uses the **apostrophe** correctly?

Tick **one**.

This shop is open on  
Saturday's.

Print photo's from your  
camera here.

The children's play area is  
closed.

Dog's are not allowed on  
the beach.

1 mark

2.

Put a tick in each row to show how the **apostrophe** has been used in the sentence.

One has been done for you.

Sentence	To replace a missing letter	To show something belongs to someone / something
It doesn't go there.	✓	
We're cold.		
Anita's coat is very warm.		
Ruby's hair is brown.		
I mustn't forget my homework.		

1 mark

3.

Add the missing **apostrophes** to the sentences below.

That comedians jokes were hilarious.

Ryans parents are both doctors.

The castles dungeons are 300 years old.

1 mark

4.

Which sentence uses an **apostrophe** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The children's clothes were hanging up.

The childrens' clothes were hanging up.

The childrens clothe's were hanging up.

The childrens clothes' were hanging up.

1 mark

5.

Write the **contraction** of the underlined words in each box.

"I cannot find my hat," moaned Asha. "I will ask Mum.

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I bet she has seen it."

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1 mark

6. Write the **contraction** for each of the words below.

The first one has been done for you.

do not \_\_\_\_\_ don't \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_

has not \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

7. Replace the underlined words in the sentences below with their **expanded forms**.

Were going into town later, so I'll buy some bread then.

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We won't be back late.

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1 mark

8. Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the box.

That decision does not seem fair.

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1 mark

9.

Circle the word in the passage that contains an **apostrophe** for **possession**.

It's five o'clock. Let's leave early and we'll be able to go to Emma's house first.

1 mark

10.

Tick one box in each row to show whether the apostrophe is used for a **contracted form** or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Where is Karen's pen?		
Joshua's hungry.		
Please get the dog's dinner.		
The cat's outside.		

1 mark

11.

Explain how the position of the **apostrophe** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. What are your brother's favourite toys?
2. What are your brothers' favourite toys?

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1 mark

12. Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined noun is **singular** or **plural**.

	Singular	Plural
The <u>customers'</u> hunger was satisfied by the pizza.		
The <u>princess's</u> slippers were made of glass.		
Those are the <u>boys'</u> books.		

1 mark

13. Insert an **apostrophe** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Pupils coats should be hung on the pegs.

1 mark

14. Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the box below.

We shall not do that again!

↓

1 mark

15. Tick one box in each row to show if the statement about the **apostrophe** is **true** or **false**.

Sentence	The apostrophe shows that...	True	False
The boys' lunch was delicious.	there is only one boy.		
Gina put out the cats' food.	there is more than one cat.		
The girl's party is this afternoon.	there is more than one girl.		
The trees' leaves were green.	there is only one tree.		

1 mark

16. Insert one **apostrophe** in the correct place in the sentence below.

When James plays darts, he uses his  
fathers dartboard.

1 mark

17. Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes below them.

Liam was not completely surprised at the knock on his door that

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morning. In fact, he had been waiting for this particular visitor.

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“It is good to see you,” he said, opening the door.

↓

1 mark

18. Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes below them.

I will not be able to come to your party, but

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Karina said that she would come.

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1 mark

- 19.** Tick one box in each row to show whether the apostrophe is used for a **contracted** form or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Let's hope it warms up soon.		
The teachers' coats were hanging in the staffroom.		
The children wear their scarves when it's cold.		

1 mark

## Mark schemes

1.

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Print photo's from your camera here.

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1 mark

2.

Sentence	To replace missing letter	To show something belongs to someone / something
<b>Example:</b> It doesn't go there.	✓	
We're cold.	✓	
Anita's coat is very warm.		✓
Ruby's hair is brown.		✓
I mustn't forget my homework.	✓	

Award **1 mark** for all four correct.

1 mark

3.

**Award 1 mark** for all three apostrophes placed correctly.

That comedian's jokes were hilarious.

Ryan's parents are both doctors.

The castle's dungeons are 300 years old.

**Also accept:**

The castles' dungeons are 300 years old.

1 mark

4.

The children's clothes were hanging up.

  
  
  

1 mark

5.

**Award 1 mark** for all three correct contractions.

"I cannot find my hat," moaned Asha. " I will ask Mum.

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can't

↓  
I'll

I bet she has seen it."

↓  
she's

**Do not accept** the use of the lowercase 'i'.

1 mark

6.

**Award 1 mark** for both contractions.

Im

hasn't

**Do not accept** the use of the lowercase 'i'.

1 mark

7.

**Award 1 mark** for the correct expanded form inserted into each box.

We're going into town later, so I'll buy some bread then.

We are

I will / I shall

We won't be back late.

will not

**Do not accept** the pronoun 'I' without a capital letter.

1 mark

8.

**Award 1 mark** for the correct contracted form.

- doesn't

1 mark

9.

**Award 1 mark** for the correct word encircled.

It's five o'clock. Let's leave early and we'll be able to go to Emma's house first.

1 mark

10.

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Where is Karen's pen?		✓
Joshua's hungry.	✓	
Please get the dog's dinner.		✓
The cat's outside.	✓	

1 mark

**11.** Award 1 mark for a response that demonstrates understanding of the plural possessive apostrophe, e.g.

- *In the second sentence, it means that there is more than one brother.*
- *In the second one, it shows plural possession.*
- *1. One brother. 2. Two brothers.*

**Also accept** responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.

*In the first sentence, there is only one brother.*

**There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.**

1 mark

**12.** Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.

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The <u>princess's</u> slippers were made of glass.	✓	
Those are the <u>boys'</u> books.		✓

1 mark

**13.** Award 1 mark for a correctly placed apostrophe.

Pupils' coats should be hung on the pegs.

1 mark

**14.** Award 1 mark for

We shall not do that again!

↓  
shan't

**Do not accept** misspellings.

1 mark

15.

Award 1 mark for all four correct.

Sentence	The apostrophe shows that...	True	False
The boys' lunch was delicious.	there is only one boy.		✓
Gina put out the cats' food.	there is more than one cat.	✓	
The girl's party is this afternoon.	there is more than one girl.		✓
The trees' leaves were green.	there is only one tree.		✓

1 mark

16.

Award 1 mark for a correctly placed apostrophe.

When James plays darts, he uses his father's dartboard.

**Also accept** a response using an apostrophe to mark plural possession, i.e.

When James plays darts, he uses his fathers' dartboard.

1 mark

17.

Award 1 mark for all three correct.

Liam was not completely surprised at the knock on his door that

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morning. In fact, he had been waiting for this particular visitor.

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he'd

"It is good to see you," he said, opening the door.

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It's

1 mark

18.

Award 1 mark for both correct.

I will not be able to come to your party, but



won't

Karina said that she would come.



she'd

Do not accept misspellings.

There are no capitalisation requirements for this question.

1 mark

19.

Award 1 mark for all three correct.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Let's hope it warms up soon.	✓	
The teachers' coats were hanging in the staffroom.		✓
The children wear their scarves when it's cold.	✓	

1 mark