

When to use Apostrophes:

_____ 's for
Possessive Forms
and
Contractions



Be careful about Plural Nouns
(don't use apostrophes!)





Green = _____

Yellow = _____

Blue = _____



- 1.) The **bananas** were expensive.
- 2.) I don't like the **banana's** texture.
- 3.) The **bananas** are priced too high.
- 4.) The **bananas'** prices were high in all three supermarkets.
- 5.) The **banana's** peel was slippery.
- 6.) I slipped on the **bananas'** peels.

Correct words that are Plural, Possessive, or BOTH

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“Exercise in Plurals and Possessives” (http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/par_numberless_quiz.pl/plurals_quiz.htm)

Contracted Verbs

- Don't worry because I'm not tired. Do not, I am
- You're working with me and we're both awake.
You are, We are
- She'd join us but she's leaving soon.
She would, She is
- Who's going to report my work to my teacher?
Who is
- Let's tell my teacher that I made progress on apostrophes and it's time to move on! Let us, it is

Review the list of contractions at
the following website:

Click on the address:

[http://englishplus.com/grammar/00000136.
htm](http://englishplus.com/grammar/00000136.htm)

On a sheet of paper, write a paragraph using SIX of the following contractions:

don't (do not)

won't (will not)

can't (cannot)

wouldn't (would not)

I'm (I am)

you're (you are)

we're (we are)

they're (they are)

who's (who is)

isn't (is not)

I'll (I will)

are not (aren't)

shouldn't (should not)

he's (he is ... not to be confused with *his*)

it's (it is...not to be confused with *its*)

I'll (I shall or I will)