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APOSTROPHE

An apostrophe is a punctuation mark used to show possession with 's'.

Example: John's box.

It is also used to form contractions. Combination of two words by apostrophe results in the formation of a single word. In contraction forms one / some letters omitted and replaced by apostrophe.

Example: You'll – You will, we're – we are.

It is used at the end of the plurals to show possession.

Example: Girls' hankies.

In negative contractions it replaces 'O'.

Example: Isn't – Is not.

Apostrophe should not be used with possessive pronouns such as his, her, my, mine, your, their, etc... It is also used to form the plurals of numbers and words.

Example: Three 5's.

Contractions formed by apostrophe are mostly used in spoken language and informal writing.