



## Unit 39 – Apostrophes: Contractions & Possessives (*This is Lisa's phone..*)



Tim's new car!



This is Lisa's kitchen.



The Jones' beautiful new house.

The apostrophe has two purposes in English:

A) To show **possession** – either ('s) or (s').

i) Singular with ('s):

- Tim's car / Lisa's phone / the boy's bike (just one bike)

ii) Plural with (s'):

- the streets' names / Mr. Jones' house / the boys' bikes (more than one bike)

**Note:** -> An apostrophe is not used when talking about something that is **plural**:

- *The girls met for lunch. (correct)*      *The girl's met for lunch. (x)*

B) To show that one or more letters were removed in a **contraction**.

**Tip:** -> Contractions are used very often in i) casual speech and ii) casual writing.

Here is a list of some of the most common contractions:

Would	Be	Have/Has	Will
I would = I'd	I am = I'm	I have = I've	I will = I'll
You would = you'd	You are = you're	You have = you've	You will = you'll
He would = he'd	He is = he's	He has = he's	He will = he'll
She would = she'd	She is = she's	She has = she's	She will = she'll
It would = It'd	It is = it's	It has = it's	It will = it'll
We would = we'd	We are = we're	We have = we've	We will = we'll
They would = they'd	They are = they're	They have = they've	They will = they'll
That would = that'd	That is = that's	That has = that's	That will = that'll
These would = these'd	These are = these're	These have = these've	These will = these'll
There would = there'd	There is = there's	There has = there's	There will = there'll
Who would = who'd	Who is = who's	Who has = who's	Who will = who'll
What would = what'd	What are = what're	What have = what've	What will = what'll
Where would = where'd	Where is = where's	Where has = where's	Where will = where'll
When would = when'd	When is = when's	When has = when's	When will = when'll
Why would = why'd	Why is – why's	Why has = why's	Why will = why'll
How would = how'd	How are = how're	How have = how've	How will = how'll



## Unit 39 – Exercises:

39.1 – Write the **possessive form** of the underlined word in the space with ('s) or (').

1. Devin favorite toy is broken.    1. Devin's    4. The babys feet were wet.    4. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Dave son started to cry.    2. \_\_\_\_\_    5. I found the teacher marker.    5. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The cat bowl was empty.    3. \_\_\_\_\_    6. It's my parents anniversary.    6. \_\_\_\_\_

39.2 – Underline the **contraction** (C) or **possessive** (P). Then identify the word by writing 'C' or 'P'.

1. We are going to Violet's house.    1. P    6. They shouldn't have watched tv.    6. \_\_
2. He's got to finish his homework.    2. \_\_    7. That is Harry's jacket.    7. \_\_
3. That is Erin's bag on the desk.    3. \_\_    8. We haven't seen John anywhere.    8. \_\_
4. Where are my dad's keys?    4. \_\_    9. Paul can't cook at all.    9. \_\_
5. I'm going to the gym now.    5. \_\_    10. We are looking for Sam's books.    10. \_\_

39.3 – Match the **contractions** with the correct sentences.

you're / doesn't / aren't / he'd / that's / they've / we'd

1. You're not going to believe what happened to me today!
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ know the answer to the question.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ better start studying now. Our test is tomorrow!
4. \_\_\_\_\_ like to help, but he doesn't know what to do.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ been practicing their singing for two months!
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a really nice idea!
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ going to the park today. It's going to rain.

39.4 – Add **apostrophes** by writing the correct word in the space provided.

1. My friends been sick lately and I'm worried about her.    1. friend's
2. Weve been having a great time on vacation!    2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whys she looking at us?    3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Its time we go to Gary's house    4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. My neighbors dogs are so cute!    5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The bought a new car and theyre happy with it.    6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Nicks been singing since he was seven years old.    7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Ive always wanted to be an excellent cook!    8. \_\_\_\_\_

39.5 – Add the missing **apostrophes** to the sentences. There could be more than one.

1. What's her name? I didn't hear her when she told me.
2. The dogs blankets need to be washed.
3. My managers desk is larger than mine.
4. When are they going to arrive? Weve got to finish getting ready.
5. Theyve been waiting for over 30 minutes.
6. Dont stay outside in the sun for too long!
7. Why did Kara leave her friends house so early last night?