

Use an **apostrophe**

- to form a possessive noun
EXAMPLE: Michael's wallet the Fosters' cat
- to indicate that letters have been omitted
EXAMPLES: I can't talk right now. I'm goin' home.
- to replace missing numbers in a date
EXAMPLE: Back in '99, many people were afraid the millennium would bring a world crisis.
- to show the plural of letters, or words used as words
EXAMPLES: How many i's are there in Mississippi?
Eliminate one of the but's from that sentence.

A. Add apostrophes to the sentences that follow.

1. Wont you come for a ride in Jamals 66 Chevy?
2. One of Simon and Garfunkels big hits was "Feelin Groovy."
3. Now that I have a part-time job at Yolandas Diner, Im makin good money!
4. The childrens teacher helped them learn their ABCs.
5. Remember to dot your is and cross your ts.

B. Circle any unnecessary apostrophes, and then add any apostrophes that are missing.

1. It's almost time for the dolphin to do it's trick's.
2. The menus different every week in this restaurant, because the chef's are masters of all kinds of cuisine.
3. Their stomach's were rumbling by the time the waiters brought their meals to them.
4. One more nights' work will buy me a new pair of jean's to wear to the Smith's party.
5. Sasha brought a friend whose brother got straight As.

C. Write three sentences using apostrophes. Include examples of as many different uses for apostrophes as you can in your sentences.

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2. _____

3. _____
