

High-Intermediate 1
Unit 4, Punctuation Note
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Apostrophe

An apostrophe (') is a punctuation mark used for a few key purposes in English:

1. **Indicating Possession:** It shows that something belongs to someone or something. For example, "Sarah's book" means the book belongs to Sarah.
2. **Forming Contractions:** It represents omitted letters in contractions. For instance, "don't" is a contraction of "do not," where the apostrophe replaces the missing "o."
3. **Pluralizing Letters and Numbers:** It can also be used to form the plural of letters and numbers, such as "Mind your p's and q's" or "The 1980's"

Point:

When a noun ends in plural s, we just add an apostrophe to it to make the possessive form.

Examples:

The students' school is located in the country.
The Jacksons' farm is the biggest one in this area.

The student's books ⇒ Books of one student
The students' books ⇒ Books of several students

Point:

We use 's for the plural form of letters of alphabet or numbers used as words referring to the symbols representing them.

Examples:

You write your M's very beautifully.
Your 2's look like your 9's.

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