

# Using Apostrophes

1. Underline the words in the sentences below that use an apostrophe for contraction. In each box, write out the full forms of each contracted word.

- A. "You shan't have it!" Adam said playfully as he pulled his cats' toys away.

- B. The audience's refreshments were running out at the theatre. The boss shouted to his workers, "I won't be able to get any more, so just sell what we've got!"

- C. Alice and James's homework wasn't quite finished but they didn't have any more time to get it done.

2. Nathan has written the sentence below.

Sarah and Becky's shop wasn't open yet but the girls' excitement was building as the opening day came closer.

Nathan says,



I haven't used an apostrophe for singular possession and I have only used an apostrophe for contraction once.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.

3. Georgia has written the sentences below but she has made some mistakes with apostrophes.

Lucas and Haleys party was coming closer but theyd not even started their preparations yet. The guests invitation's would'nt get there in time and the food hadn't been ordered. Lucas exclaimed nervously, "We'll never be ready in time!"

Explain and correct Georgia's mistakes below.