**APOSTROPHEs!**

**DOS AND DON’TS**

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**When to use them:**

**to show possession:**
Possession means showing ownership

*Ex.* The clown’s shoes are size 15.

(the shoes belong to the clown)

*Ex:* The superheroes’ capes are magic.

- for more on possession AND plurals, see

**to show contractions:**
A contraction is when you combine words together

*Ex.* I'm not happy when it's raining.

(Combines I am and it is)

**exceptions:**

“*its*” is already a possessive pronoun.
Like his or hers or theirs – no apostrophe needed!

*Ex.* I love the dog because *its* fur is soft.

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**When NOT to use them:**

**to show plurals:**
Plural means more than one

*Ex.* The kittens have laser vision.

*Ex.* AARC tutors are the coolest.

**BUT** you can still use apostrophes to show that plural nouns own something:

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**Apostrophes with plurals:**

One student = 

Two students = 

One student owns = 

Two students own = 

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