

Apostrophes

When to use	Example	
To show possession. Any word not ending in "s" Any word ending in "s" *Exception: a singular word ending in "s" that forms an extra syllable for pronunciation	<i>Singular</i> woman's New Orleans' jazz boss's	<i>Plural</i> women's classes'
In contractions or to show omission of letters and numbers.	can't, won't '96	
To form a plural where the omission of the apostrophe would cause confusion.	<i>Instead of:</i> three As dotting the is, ps, and qs	<i>Use:</i> three A's dotting the i's, p's, and q's