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Apostrophe

Remember

An **apostrophe (')** is used to take the place of the letter or letters that are left out of a **contraction**.

do not	she is	I will	they would
don't	she's	I'll	they'd

An apostrophe is also used to make a noun possessive.

the cat that Miranda has = Miranda's cat
 the father of the twins = the twins' father
 a store for men = a men's store

Think About

What is a contraction made of?

Read and Apply

Read the sentences. Above each group of underlined words, write a possessive noun and its object or a contraction to replace it.

Do not try to eat a raw olive. You will find that they taste awful because they are full of strong chemicals. Olives must be soaked in lye or they could not be eaten. Lye is not good to eat by itself, but we are able to eat olives with lye in them. That is because it is changed by the chemicals of the olives.

Olive trees cannot grow everywhere. The climate of the area must be just right. It should not get too cold. Olive trees can live more than 1,000 years. If the nutrients of the soil are right and the tree is not hurt by disease, it will continue to make olives for many years. The trunks of the trees are often short and twisted. The fruit of the tree can be eaten or made into oil.



Write About

Write a paragraph about a food you don't like. Give two reasons why you don't like it.

Review

Listen to each group of words. Then write the contraction for the words on the line.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Listen to each group of words. Then write the possessive noun and its object on the line.

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____