

# The apostrophe test

## Remember

To check if you need an apostrophe, ask yourself: 'Is it a shortened form?'

**It's** cold. (**It's** = It is)      The cat drank **its** milk. (belonging to the cat)

## Try it

1 Write the words in the green box by the correct definition.

it's   its   we're   were   their   they're   your   you're

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| a) short for 'it is' _____    | belonging to it _____     |
| b) short for 'they are' _____ | belonging to them _____   |
| c) short for 'you are' _____  | belonging to you _____    |
| d) short for 'we are' _____   | past tense of 'are' _____ |

2 Use the apostrophe test to complete these sentences using one of the words from question 1. The first letter of the word is given.

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| a) I _____ my turn.            | g) Take y _____ seats.          |
| b) The lion lost i _____ roar. | h) Y _____ in a rush.           |
| c) W _____ late.               | i) The jug lost i _____ handle. |
| d) Dogs w _____ barking.       | j) I _____ going to rain.       |
| e) I think th _____ here.      | k) Hello! W _____ here.         |
| f) Is that th _____ house?     | l) How many w _____ there?      |

## Read—cover—write

Read this sentence and remember it. Then cover it and write it underneath.

They're going to be late and it's their party.

Check your spellings with the answers on page 41. Test yourself, or get a friend to test you.

I can spell all the words on this page. ☐ I can decide if an apostrophe is needed or not. ☐