

THE APOSTROPHE



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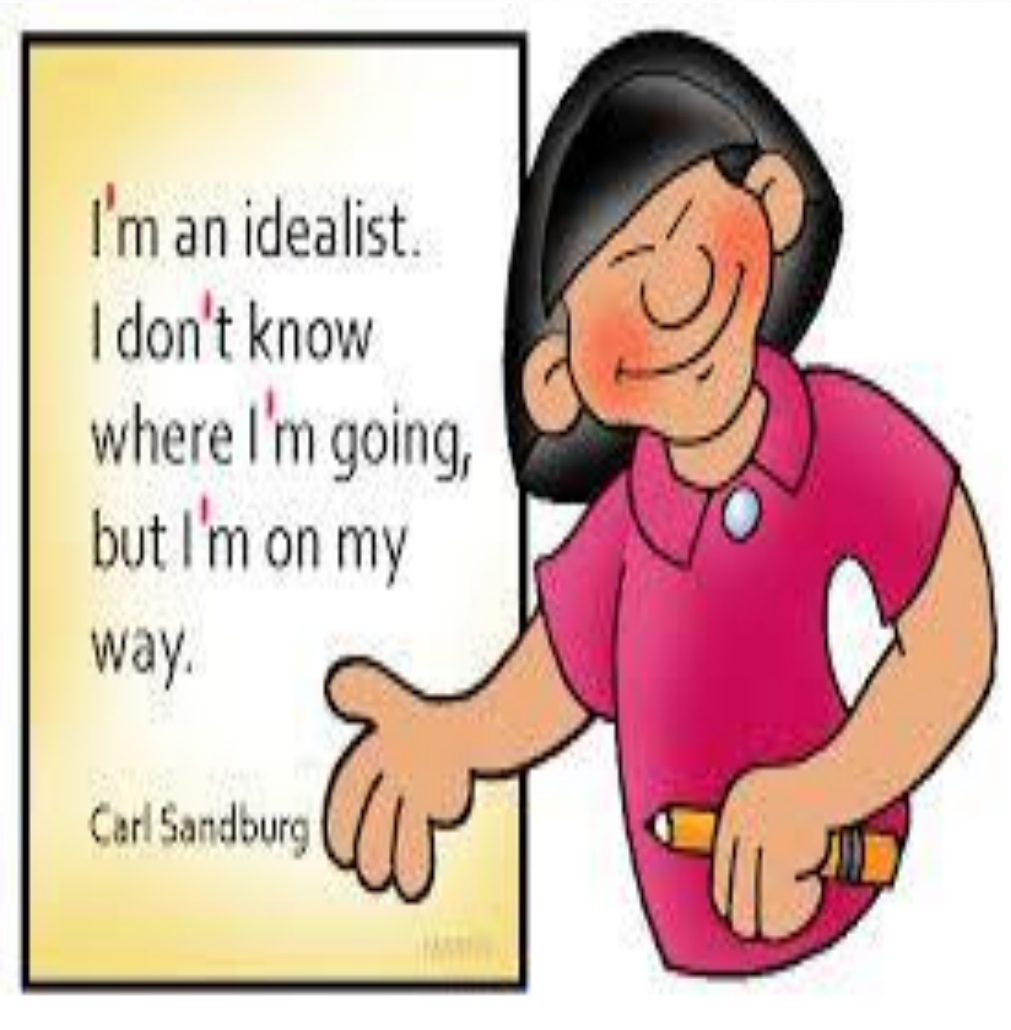
Apostrophes Are Perhaps The Most Confusing Of All Punctuation Marks.

Uses:

- Showing Possession
Singular, Plural, Joint
- Indicating Omissions
- Forming Some Plural

USES OF APOSTROPHE

- The children's boots are wet. (Plural possession)
- Do not = don't (forming contractions)
- Add 's to form the plurals of numbers, letters, symbols, and abbreviations : I got two A's



WHEN NOT TO USE:

- To form the plurals of names e.g have lunch with the Kennedys rather than the Kennedy's.
- When not intending for "it is" e.g every dog has it's own day. This is grammatically incorrect. It should therefore be: every dog has its own day.

its
whose
your

DON'T USE
An Apostrophe in:

yours
their
there

plural nouns (cats, books)
plural decades (1790s, 1960s)
plural initialisms (DVDs, BMWs)

YOUR DICTIONARY

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