



Punctuation: **Apostrophe**

Apostrophes are used for two things:

1. To show where words have been contracted, and letters are left out, e.g.

I don't want to go.

2. To show that something belongs to something or someone else, e.g.

Those are Leah's things.

The teachers' coffee cups were left all over the staffroom.

There is one exception to this second rule: it. You only add an apostrophe if you are using a contraction, e.g.

It's time to go home.

Have you forgotten its box?

Have these sentences used apostrophes correctly? Give them a tick or a cross, and rewrite them if they are wrong.

1. Have you given Shay his pencil's back?

2. Its not filled in correctly so it's meaning is unclear.

3. All four of the tables leg's were wobbly.

4. I don't want to go to the Smith's house. They are all horrible.

5. Leona gave the Bennetts a copy of all her CDs and even signed Jacob's t-shirt.

Each of these sentences needs at least one apostrophe adding. Can you rewrite them, filling in the missing punctuation?

1. I didnt even know Bex was coming to this evenings meeting.

2. The day the aliens landed I was over at Leos house playing his sisters guitar.

3. I shant be going to Lucys party or Sarahs BBQ because I don't have anything to wear.

4. Both of the tables had broken legs and ones top was scratched.

5. I havent seen Liam since he brought his cousins to Sammis mums friends house that night.



Punctuation: **Apostrophe - Answers**

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1. Have you given Shay his pencil's back? **X**
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2. Its not filled in correctly so it's meaning is unclear. **X**
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3. All four of the tables leg's were wobbly. **X**
All four of the table's legs were wobbly.
4. I don't want to go to the Smith's house. They are all horrible. **X**
I don't want to go to the Smiths' house. They are all horrible.
5. Leona gave the Bennetts a copy of all her CDs and even signed Jacob's t-shirt. ✓

Each of these sentences needs at least one apostrophe adding. Can you rewrite them, filling in the missing punctuation?

1. I didnt even know Bex was coming to this evenings meeting.
I didn't even know Bex was coming to this evening's meeting.
2. The day the aliens landed I was over at Leos house playing his sisters guitar.
The day the aliens landed I was over at Leo's house playing his sister's guitar.
3. I shant be going to Lucys party or Sarahs BBQ because I don't have anything to wear.
I shan't be going to Lucy's party or Sarah's BBQ because I don't have anything to wear.
4. Both of the tables had broken legs and ones top was scratched.
Both of the tables had broken legs and one's top was scratched.
5. I havent seen Liam since he brought his cousins to Sammis mums friends house that night.
I haven't seen Liam since he brought his cousins to Sammi's mum's friend's house that night.