**Use apostrophes correctly**



1

**To show belonging to someone or something**

*Sarah’s phone*

*The cat’s basket*

*The computer’s hard drive*



**When we join two words together in speech, we sometimes miss letters out. When we write these words, we replace the missing letters with an apostrophe.**

*It is – it’s*

*Did not – didn’t*

*We have – we’ve*

*Could have – could’ve*

*(note: this is not short for could of..)*

2

**This is the hardest bit to remember**

*Sometimes we put these two rules together*

*When something belongs to more than one person or object, we don’t say the students’s or cats’s, we miss the last s off and say students’ or cats’*

*The students’ books (the books belonging to two or more students)*

*The computers’ hard drives (the hard drives for two or more computers)*

*The cats’ baskets (several baskets for several cats)*