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Contraction or Possessive Noun?

Contractions and possessive nouns are two types of words with apostrophes.

A **contraction** is a word that takes the place of two other words.
An apostrophe takes the place of missing letters.

example: Don't is a contraction for the words "do not."

A **possessive noun** shows that someone has or owns something.
An apostrophe and the letter s are added to show ownership.

example: That is Dan's car.

Read each sentence and circle the word with the apostrophe. Then, tell whether the circled word is a contraction or possessive noun.

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| 1. | I'll arrive later this afternoon. | _____ |
| 2. | Sarah's pencil tip is broken. | _____ |
| 3. | The dog's bowl is filled with water. | _____ |
| 4. | Haven't you read the book yet? | _____ |
| 5. | What's the matter? | _____ |
| 6. | The children's ball rolled away. | _____ |
| 7. | It's a lovely painting. | _____ |
| 8. | You'll you ever get out of this mess. | _____ |
| 9. | Jim said he's been to China. | _____ |
| 10. | She's the fastest girl on the team. | _____ |