Apostrophes for Contraction and Possession

Read the extract from the story 'Cole's Kingdom'.

"It's a bit like a journey to another world, isn't it?" said Cole, craning over his sister, Mara, to catch a glimpse of Grandma Jenny's house through the trees. "It's like a window through time..."

"I'm trying to sleep," said Liam, as Dad swung the car round a tight bend, causing the wheels to skid.

Cole ignored his brother. "I mean, Grandma Jenny's house must be a hundred years old at least. It's so crumbly."

"Nearly three hundred," Mum corrected.

"She doesn't have a proper TV, either – just that boxy thing, and her phone is stuck to the wall. I mean, it has buttons! It's like she lives in a museum."

"Well, don't tell Grandma that, for goodness' sake," said Mum. "You'll hurt her feelings."

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Cole told Grandma Jenny about his friend, Leo, and his birthday party at the trampoline centre that had ended with a trip to A&E and Leo's arm in plaster.

"Cole," said Mum, "we're dying of thirst out here." She brought in another armload of empty boxes from the car, her face beaded with sweat. "Stop talking Grandma's ear off. Could you get us something to drink, please?"

Write the words containing an apostrophe in the correct column of the table. You only need to write each word once, even if it appears in the text again. If the word is a contraction, write the longer form in the last column. One has been done for you.

Possession	Contraction	Longer Form
	It's	**It is**