

Thursday 2nd April 2020

How can we use **apostrophes** to
show **possession**?

When have we used apostrophes before?

Contractions:

we've = we have
they'll = they will
isn't = is not

The apostrophe in this case replaced a letter/letters when joining two words together to make a contracted word.

Vocabulary

apostrophe = a punctuation mark (') used to show possession or to replace a missing letter

possession = when something is owned by something

Use an apostrophe and an s ('s) to show something belongs to someone or something.

The boy's car.

The dog's lead was red.

Monday's dance class was very busy.

If the noun is plural (more than one) and ends in an (s) then we just add an apostrophe after the (s).

The cows' noses were black.


(more than one cow)

All the teachers' books were heavy.


(more than one teacher)

Watch this clip to learn
more about using
apostrophes for possession.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zx9ydxs>

Task: Can you write out these sentences and put the apostrophe in the correct place.

Remember - we do not just put an apostrophe before any (s).

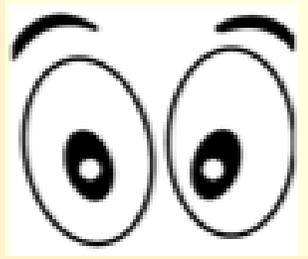
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2. The trucks wheels were spinning.
3. Gregs brother is feeling sad.

See if you can remember where to put an apostrophe when the noun is plural (more than one) and already ends in an (s).

4. The three kittens dinner was getting cold.
5. All the girls parents were meeting in the playground

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Challenge!

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The **childrens** toys were covered in dust.
(children's)

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(cats')