

A colorful illustration of a garden maze. The maze is formed by brown paths on a light green background. Inside the maze, there are several green trees of different shapes and sizes, some yellow flowers, and some pink flowers. The overall style is simple and cartoonish.

# Apostrophes for Possession



**WALT: Know when to use an apostrophe to show possession.**

**WILF: I can use possessive apostrophes correctly.**

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**Apostrophes** can be used to show that **something** belongs to **someone or something**. This is called **possession**.

When we are talking about **one thing** we call this **singular**.

For example, **a boy** or **a bike**.

When we need to say that something belongs to something singular, we put **an apostrophe and then an 's'** at the end of the name that it belongs to.



# Showing Possession

**For example**

**Person:** The **boy's** bike.

**Common noun:** The **bike's** handlebars were bent in the crash.

**Proper Noun:** **India's** national flag has three horizontal stripes.



# Showing Possession

If the **noun is singular** and **ends in -s**, **add -'s**, as in the following examples:

The **class's** average score was impressive.

**Charles Dickens's** novels are many and varied.

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Traditional **exceptions** to this tend to be old names which end with a **vowel** then **s**:

In Sunday school, we studied **Jesus'** miracles and **Moses'** parting of the Red Sea.

Often it is hard to find an official agreement, and there are eternal arguments over which is correct:

**St Thomas's** Hospital

**St Thomas'** Hospital

# Showing Possession

When we are talking about **more than one thing** we call this **plural**.

For example, a pack of **wolves** or a group of **countries**.

If the **noun is plural and ends in -s**, **add only an apostrophe**.

For example, the **wolves'** prey was a deer.



# Showing Possession

If the noun is plural and does not end in -s,  
**add -'s.**

The **children's** play is on Friday evening.

The **geese's** flight in formation was  
amazing.

Can you write a sentence to describe each picture using an apostrophe to show possession?

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This is **Nadia's** radio.

**Rachel**



This is...

**Clara**



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This is...

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This is...

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This is **Rachel's** car.

**Clara**



This is **Clara's** train.

**Owen**



This is **Owen's**  
dog.

**Kaylee**



This is **Kaylee's** book.

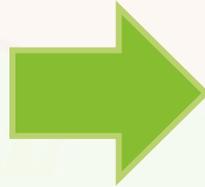
**Malik**



This is **Malik's** rocket.

Can you rewrite each sentence so that it includes an apostrophe to show possession? The first one has been done for you.

Charlie is looking at the hoop that belongs to Isla.



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I ate a big slice of the cake that belongs to Tim.

These are the parents that belong to Aleena.

Chloe got paint in the hair that belongs to Luna.

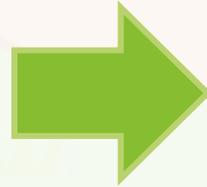
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**I washed my uncle's car.**

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**Serena broke her mum's necklace.**

# Which sentence shows the apostrophe put into the correct place to show possession?

Along the street, the houses' chimneys were painted all different colours.

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Amy cleaned out the ponies' stables.

Amy cleaned out the ponie's stables.

Amy cleaned out the ponies stable's.

## Plenary

This family are very possessive of their food! Can you write labels for all the food in their fridge using apostrophes to show possession?  
One has been done for you.



Misty



Grandpa  
John



Colin



Kaya



Alfie



Karen

Can you write some labels for food in your fridge using **apostrophes** to show who they belong to in your family?