

Friday 20th November

WALT: use apostrophes accurately.

Steps to Success

The apostrophe has two uses - **omission** and **possession**.

Omission When words are joined together, letters are sometimes missed out. This is called a contraction.

Possession Not all words ending in s need an apostrophe. They may be just plural nouns.

An apostrophe for possession shows something belongs to someone or something.

Singular nouns - 's Dog's tail

Singular nouns ending in s - s's Mrs Bates's

Plural nouns ending in s - s' Ladies' toilet

Plural nouns not ending in s - 's Children's playground.

Apostrophes

omission

missing letter/s

I have - I've

contraction

The words have been contracted
(made smaller)

possession

singular - one dog

Dog's tail

plural - more than one dog

Dogs' tails

Let's review apostrophes for omission and singular possession.

creating contractions

don't

Omission or possession?

Copy the sentences below putting in the missing apostrophes. Identify whether you have used an apostrophe for possession (P) or an apostrophe for omission (O)

For example: **Grannys glasses will need repairing.**

Granny's glasses (P) will need repairing.

The childrens playtime was cancelled because they played a trick.

Its a good job its victim wasnt a teacher!

Anyway, they hid Pauls book in Mrs Berrys bucket.

The books pages werent very clean afterwards and Miss Browns response wasnt a happy one.

Shes frightening when shes cross.

Omission or possession?
Check your answers here.

The children's (P) playtime was cancelled because they played a trick.

It's (O) a good job its victim wasn't (O) a teacher!

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contraction for it is

↓
no need for an apostrophe

↓
contraction for was not

Anyway, they hid Paul's (P) book in Mrs Berry's (P) bucket.

The book's (P) pages weren't (O) very clean afterwards and Miss

↓
contraction for were not

Brown's (P) response wasn't (O) a happy one.

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contraction for was not

She's (O) frightening when shes (O) cross.

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contraction for she is

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contraction for she is

If you are still not confident with apostrophes for omission/contraction and singular possession please watch this video lesson below before embarking on apostrophes for plural possession.

Revise apostrophe for contraction and singular possession

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-revise-apostrophes-for-contraction-and-singular-possession-c9j64c?activity=video&step=1>



If you are confident, watch the Oak Academy video lesson below.

Plural possession

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-using-apostrophes-for-plural-possession-cgvk2d?activity=video&step=1>



Plural nouns ending in s s'

Copy the sentences putting in the missing apostrophes. Identify what belongs to who and whether the noun is plural.

The ladies hats blew away.

The girls toilets were closed because there was a leak.

Our neighbours gardens are always full of beautiful flowers.

The babies clothes are hanging neatly in the wardrobe.

Unfortunately, the thieves hideout could not be found.

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Answers

The ladies' hats blew away.

The girls' toilets were closed because there was a leak.

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The babies' clothes are hanging neatly in the wardrobe.

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