

Using the Possessive Apostrophe



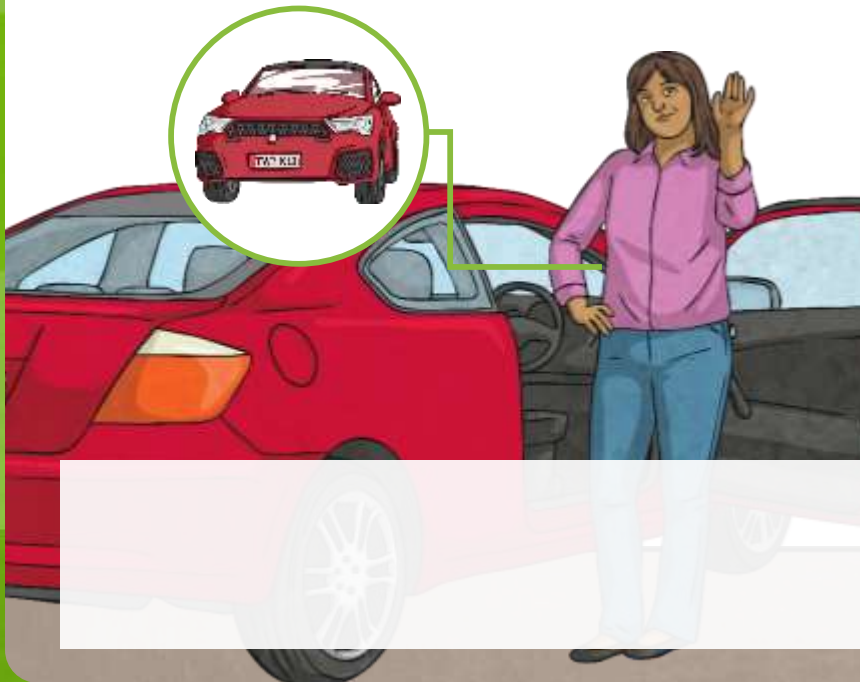
What Is Possession?

Possession means that you **have**, **own** or **control** something.

If you want to show that someone has, owns or controls something when you are writing, you can use an **apostrophe** and, often, **the letter s**.



For example, if one girl owns a bike, it is **the girl's bike**.



the car's door

The door belongs to one car.

Maya's backpack

The backpack belongs only to Maya.

Ending in an S

Sometimes, the singular nouns that **have, own** or **control** something are already words that end with the letter s.

To show that something belongs to a singular noun that already ends with an s, you should usually add...

an apostrophe



followed by another 's'



the class's teacher

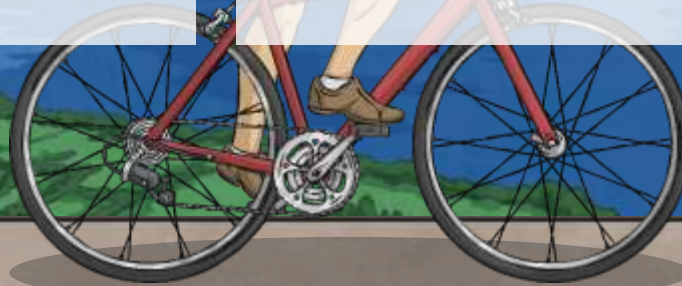
The teacher belongs to one class.

the princess's dress

The dress belongs to one princess.

James's clothes

The clothes belong only to James.



Plural Possession

Plural possession means that **more than one** person, animal or thing **has, owns** or **controls** something.

For example, if two boys own one bike between them, it is **the boys' bike**.

the cars' lights

The lights belong to multiple cars.

two apples' juice

The juice belongs to both of the apples.

some teachers' lessons

The lessons belong to multiple teachers.

To show that something belongs to a plural noun, we usually add...

an apostrophe



after the s that is already there



Questions

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

a

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

b

Along the street, the **house's** chimneys were painted all different colours.

c

Along the street, the houses **chimney's** were painted all different colours.



Questions

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

a

The **heroe's** medals were presented at the ceremony.

b

The **heroes'** medals were presented at the ceremony.

c

The heroes **medal's** were presented at the ceremony.



Questions

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

a

The **dog's** tails wagged as they waited for him to throw the ball.

b

The **dogs'** tails wagged as they waited for him to throw the ball.

c

The dogs **tail's** wagged as they waited for him to throw the ball.



Apostrophes for Possession Mini Test

Y3 - Copy these sentences in your homework book using apostrophes correctly.

Y4 - create your own sentences using apostrophe and write them in your homework book.

1. Put in the missing apostrophe in these sentences.

- a) The teachers voice was very loud.
 - b) Mubeens bike was his favourite possession.
 - c) Henry was happy that Jakes mum had invited him for dinner.
 - d) The game the children were playing was Haifas idea.
 - e) Darias sister painted her a picture.
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2. Can you rewrite these phrases using a possessive apostrophe?

- a) The car belonging to Monika

- b) The house belonging to Holly

- c) The camera belonging to Ian

- d) The new shoes belonging to Nadia

3. Which of these sentences is correct? Tick one box

Margos hot chocolate was delicious.

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Spellings

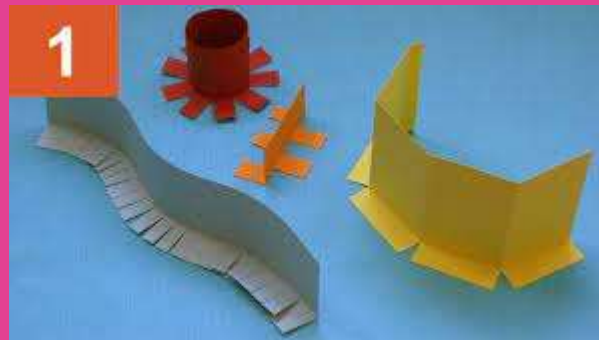
Word	Practice 1	Practice 2	Practice 3	Practice 4
pressure				
possible				
possession				
possess				
position				
popular				
peculiar				
particular				

Challenge – use these words in sentences. E.g.

The water pressure was very high in the hose.

Word of the week

Fringe = A fringe is a decoration attached to clothes, or other objects such as curtains, consisting of a row of hanging strips or threads.



This is how we fringed our paper/cardboard tube during DT lesson.

Flip Learning

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcwmsbk/articles/zcntqfr>

Follow the link and try different fringing techniques for our DT lesson.