

Using an apostrophe to show possession

1. Place the apostrophe in the correct place to show ownership.

- a) They were the hairdressers scissors.
- b) This is the farmers tractor.
- c) Johns new bike is really amazing!
- d) Ipswich Town are Mr Bensons favourite team.

2. If the item belongs to more than one person of thing and the plural word ends in s, we put the apostrophe AFTER the s. The book belonging to the girls is the girls' book. Complete these sentences.

- e) The mother belonging to the twins is the
- f) The kettle belonging to the teachers is the
- g) The cave belonging to the bats is the
- h) The surgery belonging to the doctors is the

3. If the plural word does not end in s, the apostrophe goes BEFORE the s. The children's teacher. Put the apostrophe in the correct place.

- i) She was the peoples favourite dancer.
- j) The mens football team came first in the tournament.
- K) Fred had to clean out his mices cage.
- l) It was chaos in the womens changing room!

APOSTROPHE CHECK – If you are unsure once you have put a possessive apostrophe, use a finger on your right hand to cover up the apostrophe.

The children's room.



Ask yourself...who owns the room?

If the whole answer is to the left of your finger (The children), you have the apostrophe in the right place.

These are a mixture of single, plural ending with s and other plural owners. Put the apostrophe in the right place.

m) Mr Fisher mended the ladys car.

n) Bens desk was always tidy.

o) There was a magician at the childrens Christmas party.

p) The girls kept trying to mess up the boys game. (be careful)

q) They all slid down the firemens pole.

r) The wolf was wearing Granny's clothes.

s) Jennys fingers were covered in glue.

t) They sell jackets in the mens clothes shop

u) They sell jackets in the boys clothes shop.