

Dear Parent,

Your child is learning how to use the apostrophe ( ' ) to show possession (ownership).

Please help by practising these words with your child. Thank you for your help.

- When it is one thing (singular noun) the apostrophe goes before the 's' (the lady's bag).
- When there is more than one (plural) the apostrophe goes after the 's' (the ladies' toilet).
- So the apostrophe for possession never goes inside the word itself.
- These examples all use the apostrophe with singular nouns.

(list 2:9)	possession	Practise 1 (copy)	Practise 2 (fold and hide)	Can spell word (check and correct)
<b>Tip:</b> The apostrophe shows possession (or ownership). It goes before the 's' when there is one person or thing .				
the man's hat	man's			
the girl's dress	girl's			
the boy's book	boy's			
the baby's cot	baby's			
the lady's bag	lady's			

<b>Tip:</b> If you can say the same thing using 'belonging to' (the shoes <b>belonging to</b> dad), it will need an apostrophe.				
Dad's shoes	Dad's			
Mum's car	Mum's			
Tony's party	Tony's			
Peter's room	Peter's			
Mary's idea	Mary's			

<b>Tip:</b> If you can say the same thing using 'of' (the tail <b>of</b> the cat), it will need an apostrophe.				
a dog's bowl	dog's			
a cat's tail	cat's			
a bird's wing	bird's			
a day's work	day's			
a week's time	week's			