

Apostrophes to Show Possession



These are Maddison's parents.

What do you notice about this sentence?
Look at the name Maddison.

This sentence contains an apostrophe.

The apostrophe in this sentence tells us that the parents belong to Maddison.

We need the apostrophe to make it clear to our reader who it belongs to.



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When we say something belongs to someone, we add an 's' to the end of the word. However we also do this when the word becomes plural.

So we add an apostrophe before the 's' to show our reader we mean 'belongs to'.

one cat



The cat's bed



two cats



The dog's bed



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Remember: Save the apostrophe for when you want to show possession (something that belongs to something or someone)

For example Miss Welby's smelly socks need a wash. ✓

Don't add an apostrophe every time a word ends in 's'.

The flower's are pretty. ✗

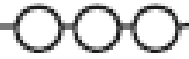
This doesn't need an apostrophe as it isn't showing that that the flowers own anything.

The flowers are pretty. ✓

Have a go at the activity below to help you learn how to use the apostrophe accurately to show possession.

Read the sentences, there is a word missing from each sentence. Choose the correct word and write out your sentences into your exercise books. Don't forget to use your best handwriting!

I can use possessive apostrophes correctly.



1. There is a word missing from each sentence below. Can you choose the correct word to complete each sentence?

Hamza's

Hamzas

a) _____ mum had made him chicken and lettuce sandwiches for lunch.

Kayleighs'

Kayleigh's

b) _____ favourite TV show was about dragons.

Dads

Dad's

c) _____ car wouldn't start this morning.

sister's

sisters

d) My _____ favourite game is hide and seek.

Fatimas

Fatima's

e) _____ singing impressed the judges.

Well done! Now ask a family member to check your work. 😊