

Apostrophes

An *apostrophe* is used to show ownership. It is placed directly after the owner(s). It can also be used to replace missing letters when words are contracted.

1. **Underline the owner and clearly show where the apostrophe should be. For example, Dad's hat is blue. ('Dad' is the owner. He owns the hat.)**

- (a) Jasmines homework was finished. (b) The cats tail is white.
(c) Mums coffee is cold. (d) The plants flowers were yellow.
(e) Marks helmet is green and white. (f) Charlies laptop is black.

If the name of the owner ends in an *s*, you need to add another *s* after the *apostrophe*;
e.g. Chris's hat is blue.

2. **Underline the owner and clearly show where the apostrophe should be in each sentence.**

- (a) Lucass shirt has a blue collar. (b) The childrens work was on display.
(c) The sisters bikes were stolen. (d) The bosss chair is black leather.
(e) The womens meeting started. (f) Rosss goal won the game.
(g) All the soldiers uniforms are clean. (h) The tradesmens tools were in the truck.

3. **Rewrite each sentence using an apostrophe; e.g. The leaves of the tree are green. The tree's leaves are green.**

- (a) The knock of the visitor was very loud. (b) The waves of the ocean were huge.

- (c) The votes of the public are very important. (d) The flowers in the vase are pink.

- (e) The excuses of the woman were unbelievable. _____ (f) The work of the artist has a message in each piece. _____

4. **Apostrophes are also used for contractions. Show where all the apostrophes for ownership and contractions should be in each sentence.**

- (a) Elizas dinner is cold because she couldnt eat it all.
(b) The womans bills are piled up so shell need to sort them so theyll all be paid on time.
(c) The childrens parents are meeting tomorrow and theyre going to talk about how theyll pay for the trip.
(d) Tylers arm is broken so he cant write neatly and thats annoying him.
(e) Id like to see Alices new house but I dont know when Mum can take me there.
(f) I dont know where I couldve put Jyes video game so Ill look harder before hes due to arrive.