

Y3 Possessive Apostrophes

KS2 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

The tail belonging to one cat

Step 1 · How many owners?

one cat

Step 2 · One owner: add 's

the cat's tail

Answer: the cat's tail

Check: Say it: 'the tail of the cat' → the cat's tail.

2. Now try one with the steps

The changing room used by all the boys

Step 1 · Write the plural first

Step 2 · It ends in s, so just add an apostrophe after the s

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Write it with an apostrophe: the bike belonging to Jack

2. Write it with an apostrophe: the lead belonging to the dog

3. Write it with an apostrophe: the kennels of the dogs

4. Write it with an apostrophe: the toilets for the girls

5. Write it with an apostrophe: the bags of the teachers

6. One owner or many? the birds' nests

7. One owner or many? the bird's nest

8. Write it with an apostrophe: the coats of the children

9. Write it with an apostrophe: the hats of the men

10. Write it with an apostrophe: the cheese of the mice

11. Write it with an apostrophe: the pram of the babies

12. Correct the mistake: 'The girl's changing room is for all the girls.'

13. Correct the mistake: 'I bought three apple's.'

14. Explain the difference between 'my sister's room' and 'my sisters' room'.

4. Before you hand it in

'The boy's football' when the football belongs to the whole team of boys.

Write the plural (boys), then add the apostrophe: the boys' football.

'The childrens' toys'

the children's toys. Plurals without s add 's.

'Banana's for sale'

Bananas for sale. Only use an apostrophe if something belongs to the noun (or letters are missed out).

Writing 'babys' toys'.

Write the plural correctly first: babies' toys.