

Y4 Apostrophes Possession

KS2 Y4 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

Plural or possessive? 'The kittens are asleep.'

Step 1 · Does anything belong to the kittens in this sentence?

No. It just says there is more than one kitten.

Step 2 · So it is a plain plural

kittens (no apostrophe)

Answer: The kittens are asleep.

Check: Ask 'the ____ of the kittens?' If there is nothing to fill the gap, there is no apostrophe.

2. Now try one with the steps

Write it with an apostrophe: the names of the girls

Step 1 · Write the owner word. One girl or many?

Step 2 · girls ends in s, so add just the apostrophe

Answer:

3. Practice

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

1. Plural or possessive? 'The trains were late.'

2. Plural or possessive? 'The train's doors opened.'

3. One owner or more than one? 'the sisters' bedroom'

4. One owner or more than one? 'the doctor's bag'

5. Write with an apostrophe: the lockers of the players

6. Write with an apostrophe: the hutch of the rabbit

7. Write with an apostrophe: the toys of the puppies

8. Write with an apostrophe: the cloakroom of the women

9. Remove the wrong apostrophe: 'Fresh egg's for sale.'

10. Write with an apostrophe: the votes of the people

11. Choose: 'All the ___ bikes were locked up.' (cyclist's / cyclists' / cyclists)

12. Correct this sentence: 'The two dog's owners called their pets.'

13. Correct this sentence: 'My aunties car has four new tyre's.'

14. Explain the difference between 'the pupil's books' and 'the pupils' books'.

4. Before you hand it in

Banana's 50p each

Bananas 50p each. Only add an apostrophe when something belongs to the noun (or letters are missed out).

the boy's changing room (for a whole class of boys)

the boys' changing room. Write the plural first, then add the apostrophe.

the womens' team

the women's team

Putting an apostrophe before every s at the end of a word.

Test each one: 'the ____ of the ...?' Only use an apostrophe if the answer makes sense.