

English

Punctuation *and* Grammar

Using Apostrophes to Show Possession

As well as being used in contractions, apostrophes are also used to show **possession/ownership** - that something belongs to someone. However, where we put the apostrophe depends on the noun to which it is being attached.

- * For **an owner** (one person, group or object) that does **not end with an 's'**, an apostrophe, followed by an 's', is added to the end of the word.

Noun + ' + s

E.g. I would like to borrow *Mark's* book.

I would like to borrow the *children's* book.

- * For **any owner** (singular **or** plural) that **ends with an 's'**, an apostrophe is simply added to the end of the word.

Noun + '

E.g. I would like to borrow *Jess'* skateboard.

I would like to borrow the *girls'* skateboard.

- * For an instance when we have **two nouns as the owners** we attach the apostrophe and the 's' to the end of the last noun.

NounA and NounB + ' + s

E.g. I would like to visit *Jess and Mark's* house.

In your English book, rewrite these sentences using apostrophes to show that the underlined subject (i.e. person) owns the object that is shown in *italics*.

E.g. The dogs *collar* is on the shelf. → **The dog's collar is on the shelf.**

1. Michelles *sandwich* tastes better than mine.
2. I think I like Andreas *painting* best.
3. Michael and Sams *performance* was very interesting and entertaining.
4. I want mine to look like Jess *jeans*.
5. Ms Davisons *classes* are always fun!
6. Chris *tricks* are the best!
7. The boys *role play* was funnier than the girls'.
8. James *schoolwork* is always neatly written.
9. Mr Harney and Mr Lands *joke* during assembly was hilarious!
10. Jacks *cartwheels* make me feel like learning to do some myself!