

USING APOSTROPHES TO SHOW OWNERSHIP

Apostrophes can be used to show ownership or belonging.

*Add 's to a singular noun to make it a possessive noun.

e.g. I like Kate's shoes.

Do you know James's brother?

*Add ' to the end of plural nouns that end in -s.

e.g. These are my sisters' dolls.

(The dolls belong to my sisters)

They are my friends' pencils.

(The pencils belong to my friends)

*Add 's to the last noun to show joint possession of an object.

e.g. We are at Todd and Anne's house

(The apartment belongs to Tom AND Anne)

1. Rewrite the following sentences in the possessive form.

EXAMPLE: the lunch that belongs to Joey → Joey's lunch.

- a. The phone that belongs to Anita → _____.
- b. The tools that belong to my dad → _____.
- c. The tail that belongs to the cat → _____.
- d. The house that David owns → _____.
- e. The guitar that belongs to Jim → _____.

2. Complete each sentence to show ownership of the noun in brackets ().

- f. This is _____ textbook. (Emma)
- g. That _____ shirt is pink. (girl)
- h. That _____ feathers are blue. (bird)
- i. Do you know which one is _____ jacket? (Olivia)
- j. The _____ toy is dirty. (dog)
- k. _____ lunch special is delicious! (Tuesday)
- l. Are these _____ coins? (grandpa)
- m. The _____ pen is clean now. (pig)
- n. _____ uniform needs to be washed. (Ben)
- o. The _____ teddy bear is brand new. (baby)

3. Rewrite each sentence. Add apostrophes to show ownership where necessary. Careful! Not all sentences will need an apostrophe!

p. How did Daniels bike break?

_____.

q. Jans sister is going skiing this weekend.

_____.

r. Tommys aim was to finish all his homework on time.

_____.

s. My sisters scarf blew away in the wind.

_____.

t. I want to borrow Mikes bike.

_____.

u. The lions were asleep when we went on the safari tour.

_____.

v. Tomorrows football game will be very exciting.

_____.

w. Sallys puppy is so cute!

_____.

x. The boys iPods were all brand new.

_____.

y. Hamish and Andys T.V. show is really funny.

_____.

z. Miss. Ps worksheet on possession was so much fun!!

_____.

4. Correct the text below by adding or removing apostrophes.

On Sunday, Anthony went over to Jonhs house to play basketball. They played a game of one-on-one. At the end of the game, Anthonys score was six, but Johns score was eight. John was the winner. After the game, the boy's went in side to have some snacks' and watch television. They played with John's new puppy. The puppys name is Fido. Fido's ears are long and floppy and he wag's his tail non-stop! The boy's had a great day. Johns mum is going to ask Anthonys mum if Anthony can come over again next weekend.