

Apostrophe for plural possession



Aim

- I can use possessive apostrophes with plural nouns.

Success Criteria

- I can describe what an apostrophe is.
- I can explain what a plural is.
- I can identify a possessive apostrophe for a plural in a sentence.
- I can use a possessive apostrophe with plurals in my own sentences.

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When we are talking about **more than one thing** we call this **plural**.

For example, a pack of **wolves** or a group of **countries**.

If the noun is plural and ends in **-s**, add only an apostrophe.

For example, the **wolves'** prey was a deer.

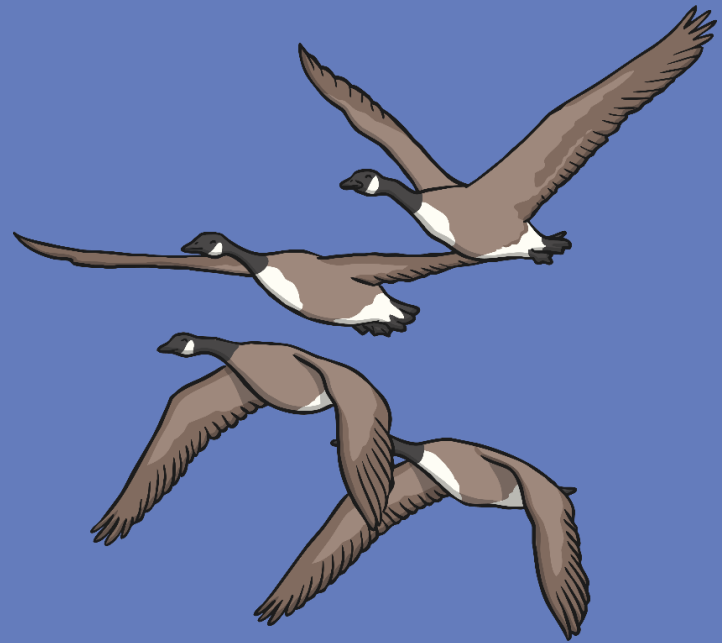
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If the noun is plural and does not end in -s, add -'s.

The **children's** play is on Friday evening.

The **geese's** flight in formation was amazing.



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However, plural nouns can be spelt using a variety of different letter endings.

If the noun ends with an 's', we still show an apostrophe of possession but without adding another 's' after it.



The **ponies'** diet is mostly grass.



The **boys'** fancy dress costumes were so good!

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More examples are shown below:



The **loaves'** icing is shiny.



Two of the **volcanoes'** summits
are ahead.

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More examples are shown below:



The **rabbits'** hutch is messy.



The **houses'** chimneys are all made from brick.

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Look at the following sentences and decide which one is **correct**.

Example A:

Through the trees, the
bats' noses glistened.

Example B:

Through the trees, the
bat's noses glistened.

Example C:

Through the trees, the
bats nose's glistened.

Watch the following short film to
check your understanding:

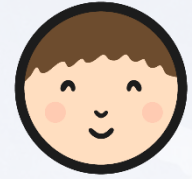
**Apostrophes are punctuation
marks that can show possession.**

'S → singular noun (only one)
S' → plural noun (more than one)

Apostrophes can show possession.
This is an important lesson.



Plural-Tastic!








Complete the 'Apostrophe for plural possession activity' sheet on the website.
Type your answers onto your weekly word document.

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I can use possessive apostrophes with plurals.

1. Sort the words below into the table. The first ones have been done for you.

ponies' flower's child's church's child's
city's pony's cities' flowers' church's

Picture	Singular (only one)	Plural (more than one)
a) 	child's	children's
b) 		
c) 		
d) 		
e) 		

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I can use possessive apostrophes with plurals.

1. Write each word with a plural apostrophe for the definitions below:

a) Something/someone belonging to a group of children: _____

b) Something/someone belonging to a group of wolves: _____

c) Something/someone belonging to a group of ponies: _____

d) Something/someone belonging to a group of boys: _____

e) Something/someone belonging to a group of houses: _____

Challenge:

2. Cross out the incorrect answers for these possessive apostrophes with plurals.

a) The thieve's / thieves' / thieves's balaclavas were itchy.

b) The country's / countrie's / countries' national anthems were played loudly.

c) The churches' / church's / church's vicars were very happy with the new choir.

d) The bushes' / bushes' / bushes' leaves were covered in pests.

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e) Something/someone belonging to a group of boys: _____

f) Something/someone belonging to a group of girls: _____

g) Something/someone belonging to a group of babies: _____

h) Something/someone belonging to a group of teachers: _____

i) Something/someone belonging to a group of houses: _____

j) Something/someone belonging to a group of heroes: _____

Challenge:

2. Write sentences to include the following possessive apostrophes with plurals.

a) thieves' _____

b) countries' _____

c) churches' _____

d) bushes' _____

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