

What is it?

A possessive apostrophe is an apostrophe that shows who or what has or owns something.



You must use an apostrophe to show possession.

POSSESSIVE Apostrophes

For example:

My brother's shirt is red



But where should the apostrophe go?

The apostrophe is placed after the name of the owner...

for example: my sister's cat is fat!

Click to find out where the apostrophe should be placed in the sentences below.

1. My mum's cooking is amazing!
2. "Is this Teyana's coat?" the teacher asked the class.
3. Belfast's weather is usually cold and wet!
4. My sister's bedroom is a huge mess!
5. One of the Queen's homes is called Buckingham Palace.



Write some possessive nouns of your own!

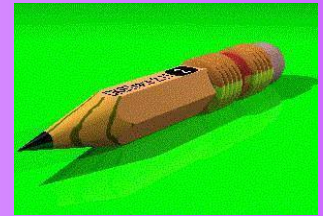
Click to see the correct possessive noun in each sentence.

Miss. Patton's class is learning about apostrophes.

(The class belonging to Miss Patton)

I found Rio's pencil on the floor last night!

(pencil belonging to Rio)

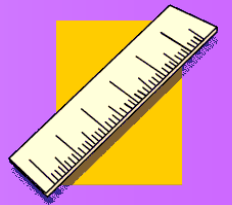


Lexi's ruler measures 12 inches long.

(Ruler belonging to Lexi)

I found Jay's dog running around in the street today.

(dog belonging to Jay)



"I am going to Max's house tonight!" yelled Cory.

(house belonging to Max)

If a noun is plural – that means there is more than one – for example *boys* then the apostrophe goes on the outside of the s.

The boys' shoes

The boy's shoes

This means the shoes belong to one boy

This means the shoes belonged to more than one boy.

The Doctors' surgery

The Doctor's surgery

This means the surgery belonged to one doctor

This means the surgery belonged to more than one Doctor.

The teachers' staffroom

The teacher's staffroom

This means the staffroom belonged to one teacher

This means the staffroom belonged to more than one teacher