

Apostrophes

Learning Objective: To correctly use apostrophes to show possession

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Apostrophes

An apostrophe is the same shape as a comma (,) but placed above the line (').

Apostrophes show two things:

- That one thing belongs to another.
- That some letters of a word have been left out to shorten the word.



In this Presentation, we will explore the first use of apostrophes.

Showing Possession

Apostrophes can be used to show that something belongs to someone or something.
This is called **possession**.

When we are talking about one thing,
we call this **singular**.

For example, a man or a bike.

When we need to say that something
belongs to something singular, we put
an apostrophe and then an 's' at the
end of the name it belongs to.

e.g. **the man's bike**.



Showing Possession

We also use an apostrophe and an 's' to show when something belongs to a proper noun (a name that begins with a capital letter).



e.g. India's national flag has three horizontal stripes on it.

Look Out For...

When you add an apostrophe to a noun, add 's to the end of the last word.

e.g. Buckingham Palace's gates are painted gold and black.



Never use an apostrophe if you have already used a possessive pronoun (his, her, its).

e.g. Dave had a rabbit and its fur was white.



The only time that it's has an apostrophe is when it is a contraction for 'it is' or 'it has'.

Apostrophes of Possession

The next few slides show examples of how to use apostrophes of possession with singular and proper nouns.



Apostrophes of Possession

Catherine's house is old and large.



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The cat's eyes are different colours.



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St Paul's Cathedral is in central London.



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Rachel's favourite sport is running.



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The forest's light is always changing.



Apostrophes of Possession

The Statue of Liberty is probably one of America's most famous landmarks.



Highlight the sentence that uses an apostrophe correctly.

The bikes brake's were very squeaky.

The bikes' brake were very squeaky.

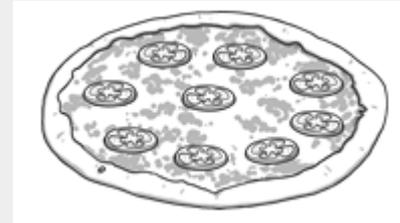
The bike's brakes were very squeaky.



Jimmy's pizzas are the tastiest.

Jimmys pizza's are the tastiest.

Jimm'ys pizzas are the tastiest.



Highlight the sentence that uses an apostrophe correctly.

Yorkshires' weather can be wet and cold.

Yorkshire's weather can be wet and cold.

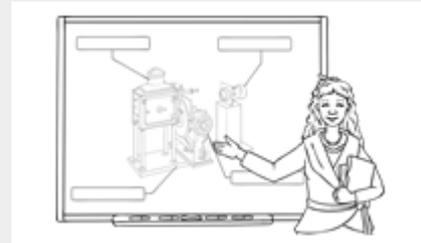
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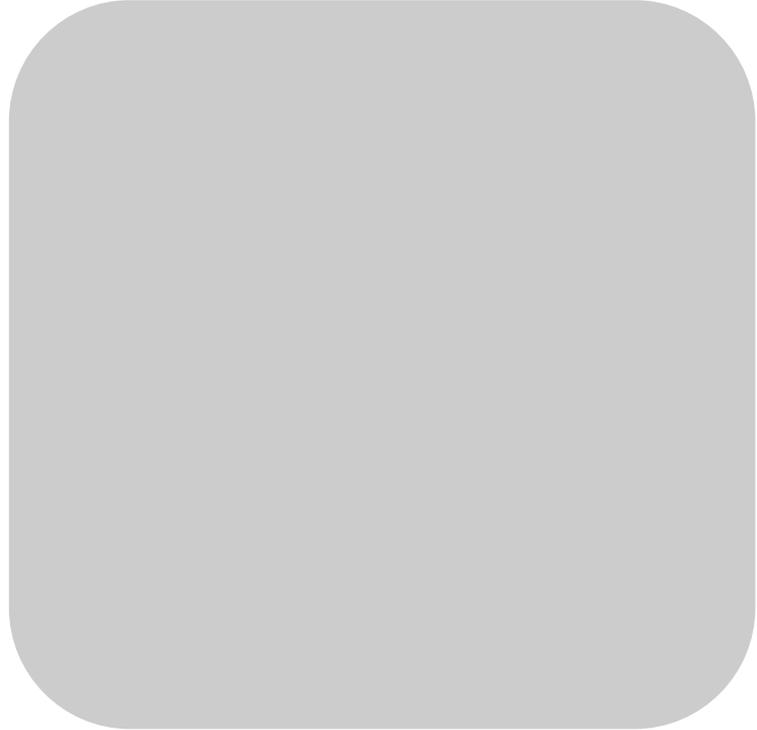
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Rewrite the sentences with the apostrophe in the correct place.

The bikes brake's were very squeaky.

Jimm'ys pizzas are the tastiest.



Write answers to these questions using a singular or proper noun with an apostrophe if needed. One has been done for you.

The brakes of what are squeaky?

Whose pizzas taste the best?

Which country's weather can be wet and cold?

The car's brakes are squeaky.